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## 3 brought back from Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff  
An Israeli force which raided a Lebanese village on Wednesday night brought back three villagers, a military spokesman confirmed in Tel Aviv last night.  
The force blew up a house known to be a terrorist hideout at Mis Jabel.  
In Beirut, a military spokesman said yesterday that Israeli troops had taken a Lebanese village and captured three residents, including a village headman and his brother, Wednesday night.  
The Israelis blew up the house of the headman, Abdel-Karim Al-arout, he added. Lebanese artillery shelled the attackers, who also shed with Lebanese militia troops.

## Slight damage in Capital blast

Jerusalem Post Staff  
A small time bomb discovered in downtown Jerusalem's Rehov Strauss exploded yesterday evening as the car that was carrying it was passing through Rehov Yemin Avot, the Kiryat Moshe quarter. No one was hurt, and damage was slight.  
Rabbi Mordechai Barakat had just left the schoolbag in which the bomb was concealed at 7.10 p.m. after a call from a passerby. The bomb went off five minutes later. The last Arab terrorist bomb in downtown Jerusalem was on November 13, when seven young people were killed outside a Jaffa Road coffee bar.

## Violence flares in Basque area

ADRID. — New violence flared in the northern Basque region yesterday during strikes and street demonstrations called to protest police action that caused at least three deaths.  
Clashes between police and protesters were reported from Bilbao, Pamplona and Vitoria, one of the Basque provincial capitals, where police fired into a rock-throwing crowd on Wednesday in the worst political violence of the post-rascos era.  
The government said three strikers were killed, but underground labour unions said five died. (UPI)

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## Vorster: Mozambique move could be 'spark'

South African Prime Minister John Vorster said yesterday that Mozambique's latest move against Rhodesia could be "the spark which will cause the smouldering fires of friction to flare up" in Southern Africa.  
Mr. Vorster was speaking in parliament in Cape Town, about Mozambique President Samora Machel's announcement on Wednesday that he had closed all borders with Rhodesia and was applying trade sanctions against the breakaway British colony. Rhodesian property in Mozambique would be seized, Machel said.

The Prime Minister said Mozambique's action — Machel also said Mozambique was "in a state of war" — could cause "an escalation to something much more serious."  
Mr. Vorster did not say, however, whether South Africa would be prepared to accommodate the extra trade from Rhodesia now that one of its major outlets to the sea has been cut.  
The rail lines through Mozambique to the ports of Maputo and Beira were believed to have carried up to 25 per cent of Rhodesia's sanction-breaking exports.

## Kissinger warns Cuba

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger yesterday warned Cuba against intervening in the dispute between Mozambique and Rhodesia. In testimony before the House of Representatives International Relations Committee, Kissinger said the American intervention in Angola should not be taken by Havana as a lesson.  
He said Cuba should "act with great circumspection because our actions cannot be deduced from what we did in Angola."  
On the other hand, Kissinger said, "it is not appropriate for me to make any concrete suggestions" about American reaction in advance of any Cuban aggression.  
At the same time, the Secretary said the U.S. favours majority rule by the overwhelmingly black population of Rhodesia. He added that time is running out for the ruling white minority in Salisbury.  
He called on the white government to negotiate a settlement before it is too late.  
Kissinger also told the committee he plans to travel to Africa in the second half of April. His preliminary itinerary calls for visits to Nigeria, Tanzania, Zaïre and Zambia. Kissinger added he would probably make stops in several other countries.  
When urged by Representative Charles Diggs to visit South Africa, Kissinger said: "Frankly I had not included South Africa." However, he went on, such a visit will be explored in view of Diggs' suggestion. (AP)

## Sanctions by state workers expected

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Serious disruptions in government services are expected following the publication today of the Barak committee report on specificity allowances.  
The allowances were originally designed to raise the wages of employees working with poisons, and wardens in mental asylums, but 18,000 of the 60,000 state employees now receive it.  
The report, by a committee of three economists headed by Prof. Haim Barkai of the Hebrew University, will be submitted this morning to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel.  
A labour relations expert told The Jerusalem Post he expected government workers to strike whatever the recommendations may be. If the report recommends extending the allowance to others, the 18,000 government employees who already enjoy it will protest about the relative decline in their income. If the committee does not extend the allowance to everybody, the others will strike.  
Last night representatives of two-thirds of the state employees threatened sanctions unless the wage scale is uniform for all. Arnon Ronen, one of the leaders of the national inter-office coordinating committee of state employees, said his group has received reports that the Barak committee would propose a four-year arrangement providing yearly increases of 2 per cent for those who did not enjoy this allowance.  
He claimed that the 18,000 employees in the Knesset, the State Comptroller's office, and departments in the Ministries of Finance and Communications received specificity allowances of 8 to 9 per cent. Other workers would carry out "sanctions" — beginning not later than Sunday, March 14 — unless they got the same.  
The sanctions would be applied every week from Sunday through Tuesday. From Wednesdays to Fridays work would be carried out normally.

## Hazan warns Mapam: don't leave Labour

By SHAYYA SHAPIRA  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Ya'acov Hazan, the veteran Mapam leader, said yesterday that Israel "must be prepared for war, in an effort to avoid it."  
However much we detest war, "this people must know that it may be unavoidable." He was speaking at the fifth session of the Mapam Political Committee's discussions of a "peace plan."  
There has never been lack of initiative on Israel's part to explore peace, Hazan said. "It can be argued that the feelers would have been more effective if taken earlier, but this is a game in which nobody can prove he is right." He accepted the American initiative to explore the possibilities of "ending the state of war," if only because Israel should not always say "no" but Hazan strongly objected to the creation of a third state in the area once designated for the establishment of a Jewish home in Palestine. "This would only lead to war. The Palestinians abroad would be forcibly brought to live there in sub-

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## Rabin warns on military supplies to Cairo

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Rabin warned yesterday that the U.S. will become a moving force in accelerating the Middle East arms race if it supplies arms to Egypt. He was speaking to 12th graders at the Efrat kibbutz seminar near here.

The Prime Minister said there was "the beginning of a possibility" that the U.S. — which already supplies Jordan and Saudi Arabia — would equip Egypt as well. Israel, he said, was acting "clearly and unequivocally" to dissuade the countries with which it maintains relations from supplying Arab states with arms, as these were liable to be turned against itself.  
In answer to a question, Mr. Rabin said Israel's attempt to explore the possibility of reaching an end-of-belligerency agreement with the Arabs had so far brought only negative public responses from them. As to the great power situation in the Middle East, Mr. Rabin said that despite the fact that the U.S. and the Soviet Union were using the Arab-Israeli dispute to further their own interests, Israel was interested in relations with everyone, including the Soviets, but as Moscow had broken off relations they would have to restore them.

Although Israel's dependence on the U.S. had grown, so had its freedom of action. Israel was covering more than half its needs with U.S. aid (which constituted more than 40 per cent of all U.S. foreign aid) because this suited U.S. national interests. Israel had freedom of action, and was merely asked to weigh well the consequences of its decisions. "And where's the shame in that?" he said.  
The Prime Minister sharply attacked the establishment who were trying to "impose their will in undemocratic fashion." He said their encampment at the Kadum army base was not a settlement, and that the Government had still to decide its fate. (Him)

## Canadian Minister due

The Canadian Minister of State for Urban Affairs, Mr. Jerome Danson, will arrive in Israel on a visit by special flight this morning.

## Mansfield to quit

WASHINGTON. — Senator Mike Mansfield, Democratic Party leader in the Senate for 15 years, and a member of Congress for 34 years, announced yesterday he would not seek re-election in November. He will be 78 on March 16. (Reuters)

## Labour leaders revive bureau

The Leadership Bureau of the Labour Party is to be revived, it was decided at a meeting of several of the party's leaders at Golda Meir's home last night. The bureau will consist of Yitzhak Rabin, Haim Zadok, Shimon Peres, Yisrael Galili, Yehoram Meshel, Yosef Almog, Mrs. Meir and the party's secretary-general, Israel Radio reported.  
The bureau will deliberate on various political matters which have implications for the nation as a whole and for the Histadrut. Its decisions will be brought to the normal forum in the usual manner.

## House to vote on aid

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — The House of Representatives was due to vote last night on a foreign aid appropriations bill that includes some \$2.2 billion in economic and military assistance for Israel.  
The House on Wednesday night passed the accompanying authorization bill by a vote of 240 to 169, and Congressional observers expected the appropriations bill to win a similar majority.

## Hazan warns Mapam: don't leave Labour

human conditions, seeking the first opportunity to invade Israel." Hazan envisaged a solution within a Palestinian-Jordanian state.  
Hasan made an emphatic plea to his party to maintain the Alignment with Labour at the price of reasonable compromise, "or the road will be open for a take-over by the right." Mapam, he asserted, was "the only Zionist-socialist force able to push towards peace on the basis of territorial compromises. But outside the Alignment Mapam would be powerless."  
An important part of Hazan's speech stressed the need to reappraise theories that Mapam has advocated. "The world is changing daily. We, in our youth, read a few books on Marxism, and became Marxists; we became Freudians after reading a book or two by Freud. Today's youth must face tremendous upheavals, however. Sticking to sterile doctrines is extremely dangerous."

Hasan's address was in contrast to that of most of the other speakers. Many had urged that Mapam should present an ultimatum to the Labour Party to accept the plank proposed by Meir Talmi, and to resume independent political action if Labour refuses. Talmi called for negotiations with "Jordan or any Palestinian leadership that recognizes Israel."

## Man shot dead

ASHKELON. — A local resident, Ya'acov Turgeman, 21, was killed by shots fired from a passing vehicle near his home on Wednesday night. He was shot in the chest and died on the way to hospital.

The reason for the slaying has not yet been determined, but it is assumed to have been a "settling of accounts." Police set up road blocks in Ashkelon and nearby towns immediately after the incident, but no arrests were reported. (Him)

# It's healthy to arm Egypt — Rumsfeld

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — As the Ford Administration campaigned to get Congress to lift its arms embargo against Egypt, Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said yesterday he expects weapons to become part of U.S. relations with the Egyptians.

At the same time, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told Congress the U.S. should sell six C-130 transport planes to Egypt as a symbol of support for President Sadat, but that he does not anticipate any arms sales in the near future.  
"I would be surprised if it was limited to C-130s," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference. "I would not be surprised to see a rifle, or other things that would logically become a part of such a relationship."

Rumsfeld said Egypt has indicated it wanted to move away from the Soviet Union as its major arms supplier.  
Rumsfeld said U.S. arms sales to Egypt would be "a healthy thing" for both the United States and the Middle East.

Kissinger told the House of Representatives International Relations Committee the U.S. "cannot be the principal arms supplier to Egypt." However, he said Egyptian movement away from dependence on the Soviets for supplies "was a courageous decision on the part of Sadat."

In his testimony yesterday, Kissinger said the U.S. does not anticipate "in the next few months" any additional arms sales to Egypt beyond the C-130 plane deal. Kissinger said Egypt needs military spare parts and has expressed its interest to U.S. to purchase arms.

The Secretary declared that the U.S. must do what is in its — not

Israel's — best national interest, and the decision to sell Egypt the planes was made accordingly.

Israel Ambassador Simha Dinitz expressed Israel's strong opposition to the start of a U.S.-Egyptian arms relationship during conversations yesterday with Under Secretary Joseph Sisco and Kissinger. Dinitz has been authorized by Prime Minister Rabin to make it clear to Kissinger in a meeting today that the Israel Government considers this plan ill-advised and potentially dangerous to Israel's security interests.

Kissinger and Sisco gave Dinitz seemingly contradictory information regarding the extent of the U.S.-Egyptian arms relationship, which the Ford Administration is anxious to promote.  
Informed sources here said Kissinger informed Dinitz during a telephone conversation yesterday morning that the Administration was considering only the sale of the six C-130 Hercules military transport planes to Egypt at a cost of about \$89m. Kissinger told the Ambassador the Administration was not currently considering other arms sales to Egypt.

But Sisco, who is the State Department's number one authority on the Middle East, told Dinitz during a meeting on Monday that the C-130 deal with Egypt was only the start of a military supply relationship that would later include other items, including transport helicopters, military training programmes, radio equipment and mine detectors.

Other Administration officials have indicated that the Administration, if unchallenged by the U.S. Congress, would later seek to sell Egypt radar equipment, patrol boats, anti-tank missiles and other arms.

Late last month, Dinitz came away from a meeting with Kissinger believing Israel had a firm commitment from the U.S. that no

arms — other than transport planes — would be sold to Egypt at this time.

But it seems the Ford Administration has decided the time is ripe to begin a military relationship with Egypt in order to strengthen Sadat's standing in both Egypt and the Arab world.

Some observers here said Kissinger was once again trying to "mislead" Israel by saying he opposed arms sales beyond the C-130 deal. Kissinger was only trying to show Israel, these sources said, that he was on the side of the Jewish State, when in fact this was actually a ploy.

Other sources, sympathetic to Kissinger, said the Secretary was generally opposed to the start of a military supply relationship with Egypt at this time, convinced that it would seriously strain U.S.-Israel relations and damage the Administration's popularity in the Congress. Kissinger was being overruled by the President, the sources said.

Congress will be able to block the C-130 deal with Egypt by approving resolutions of disapproval in both the Senate and the House within 30 calendar days after the Administration's letter of offer has been submitted to the Congress. The Administration has begun extensive "consultations" with the Congress on arms sales to Egypt, and has apparently decided to hold up delivery of the letter of offer for a week or two until this process goes a little further.

Several pro-Israel legislators indicated yesterday they would lead a fight in the Congress against the deal. Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D-N.Y.), a member of the House International Relations Committee, was the first to make such an announcement.

Administration officials yesterday (Continued on page 2, col. 5)



## PLA moves more troops into Lebanon

BEIRUT. — Palestinian Liberation Army (PLA) reinforcements arrived in Lebanon this week, authoritative Lebanese sources said yesterday. However, they described as exaggerated Lebanese press reports that as many as 2,000 extra troops had crossed the border from Syria.

Officials say there have been some 2,000 PLA troops here since January, when they arrived in advance of the Syrian-engineered ceasefire which ended the Lebanese civil war. The report claiming that 2,000 more PLA men had entered Lebanon said that they brought to about 8,500 the number of Palestinian troops in the country.

Meanwhile hundreds of Lebanese troops began moving into Beirut yesterday to take control of the commercial sector and Christian districts, and to impose law and order by force of arms.

A statement issued by the committee said the troops would stamp out violations of the six-week ceasefire, such as kidnapping and looting. Three explosions rocked the capital on Wednesday night, causing material damage but no casualties.

A man was killed, another was wounded and two people were kidnapped when a car was ambushed in northern Lebanon — near the mainly Christian town of Qubaybat — yesterday, Interior Minister Camille Chamoun told reporters.

Premier Rashid Karami said an amnesty for army deserters, which expired last Monday, would be extended to allow scores of deserters to rejoin their units.

(Reuters, AP, UPI)

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## Egged to sack men Sunday

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Egged has decided to dismiss 450 hired workers on Sunday, despite a Histadrut committee decision this week ordering the bus cooperative to rescind the sacking decision.  
Egged spokesman Gideon Talmor told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the cooperative did not have the money to keep the 450 workers on the payroll. If the Histadrut was willing to pay their wages they could stay on. Otherwise the dismissed notices would go into effect on Sunday.  
However, he said that the workers' committee would meet with the management today, and perhaps a solution would be found to dismiss fewer workers — perhaps a few dozen less.  
Mr. Uriel Abrahamowicz, head of the trade union department of the Histadrut, said yesterday that the Histadrut decision that Egged should rescind the dismissal notice to the 450 workers was still valid.

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with possibility of local rain.  
Weather synopsis: Low between Cyprus and Cyprus is deepening and moving eastwards.

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Golan	80-90	10-15	10-15
Nahariya	80-90	10-15	10-15
Safed	80-90	10-15	10-15
Haifa	80-90	10-15	10-15
Tiberias	80-90	10-15	10-15
Nazareth	80-90	10-15	10-15
Afula	80-90	10-15	10-15
Shomron	80-90	10-15	10-15
Tel Aviv	80-90	10-15	10-15
B-G Airport	80-90	10-15	10-15
Jericho	80-90	10-15	10-15
Beer Sheva	80-90	10-15	10-15
Eilat	80-90	10-15	10-15
Tiran	80-90	10-15	10-15

## Social and Personal

Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin was yesterday the luncheon guest of Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, during the course of a tour of the city.

Gabriel Glazer has been appointed legal adviser to the commission of inquiry into the absorption of Canadian immigrants established by the Zionist Organization of Canada.

Uriel Reingold, editor of the children's newspaper "Hareitz Sheva," will deliver the annual Dvora and Haim Shalom Memorial Lecture on "What is a Child's Newspaper?" at the David Yellin Teachers College, Jerusalem, on Tuesday, March 9, at noon.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 8.45. Rabbi Arye Julius and Moshe Feiler of the Finance Ministry will be the speakers. Zvirot: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow, with Rabbi David Teimer as guest speaker, Cantor Yehuda Lender will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Heichal Shlomo, 86 Rehov Ben-Tzvi, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Dr. Z. Bacharach, Bar-Ilan University and Arye Chapman, Tour Ve'Alah.

Folkdancing at the Oranien sports ground on Mt. Carmel will be renewed on Friday nights, beginning today, by the Haifa Labour Council and the Mt. Carmel Committee.

The next meeting of the English-speaking Friendship Club will take place at the B'nai B'rith House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, Tel Aviv, on March 7, at 4 p.m. Speaker: Abraham Frank, former shah of B'nai B'rith International Council, Washington, D.C.

## DEPARTURES

French singer Juliette Greco, for Paris, after a series of appearances in Israel. Chef Micha Noy, for Buenos Aires, to demonstrate Israeli cooking at the "Israeli Week" celebrations.

## Bank manager, family held for running private bank

TEL AVIV. — A Ben Brak bank manager, his wife and son were remanded in custody yesterday on suspicion of foreign currency offences. They are Gershon Gura, 66, his wife Yaffa, and their 40-year-old son Arye.

He added that the suspect Gershon Gura had already succeeded in sabotaging the investigation by influencing witnesses before his arrest.

Gershon and Yaffa Gura were remanded for 15 days and Arye Gura for five days.

## More raids on electric shops

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Income tax investigators and police raided electrical appliance stores in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem yesterday. So far only one arrest has been made.

A senior tax official described the raids as a follow-up to those carried out earlier this week on Kol Electric stores, a major chain of electrical appliance dealers.

Investigators entered half a dozen shops early in the morning and sat through the day, checking inventory listings against income and property declarations.

In Jerusalem, investigators discovered a warehouse containing inventory far in excess of the owner's official declarations to the tax authorities. The owner of the warehouse, whose store is located in Rehov Strauss, was arrested, and he is to be charged today.

In Petah Tikva, a father and son, partners in an electrical supply store, are suspected not only of declaring false incomes, but also of transferring large sums of money to Switzerland.

## Sima Arlosoroff laid to rest

TEL AVIV. — Sima Arlosoroff, who died on Tuesday at the age of 75, was laid to rest yesterday beside her husband, the late Labour Movement leader Haim Arlosoroff, at the Rehov Trumpeldor cemetery here.

On the way from the Rehov Dafna funeral parlour to the cemetery, the procession stopped at Beit Arlosoroff where it was met by Labour Minister Moshe Baran, Knesset Member Ari Ankorian and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, former Justice Minister David Hacohen and other Labour leaders. Yonah Kesse delivered the eulogy, and Benzion Weisman recited "Kaddish."

The procession then continued on to the cemetery where Dr. Eliahu Eliat spoke on behalf of the family's friends and followers, and the deceased's son Shaul repeated the "Kaddish."

## GERMAN AID FOR PUBLIC BUILDING

TEL AVIV. — West Germany's Housing Minister, Karl Ravens, said yesterday that a proportion of Germany's aid to Israel next year would be used for erecting schools and essential public buildings. The sum involved would be in the region of DM140m.

Ravens was answering questions at a press conference in Tel Aviv. He said that during his visit he had held consultations with his Israeli opposite number, Avraham Ofer, on joint projects.

## Nesher pollution case reopened

HAIFA. — The District Court here, sitting as an appeals court, yesterday accepted the State's contention that its air pollution brief against the Nesher cement company be heard and ordered the Magistrates Court here to take up the matter. It overturned a decision by Magistrate Yitzhak Ya'acobi which voided the indictment, saying there was no such procedure in Israeli criminal law.

The court complained at the length of time — almost five years — that the case has been pending. The original charges stated that the smoke discharged by the cement plant's four chimneys was a serious danger to health, and that only one chimney had an electrostatic smoke strainer.

## Technion engineers stop work over car allowance

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — The 600 engineers and senior technicians of the Technion stopped work for over two hours yesterday morning, to hold a protest meeting, approved by the Labour Council.

El Polack, chairman of the workers' committee, said they objected to the management's granting of car and telephone allowances "without clear and agreed criteria." Some staff members who had no car, or drove Technion vehicles, were allowed car allowances; while others who used their cars for Technion work were denied them, Polack charged.

## Basketball State Cup

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Gvat-Yagur Hapoel will meet Tel Aviv Hapoel in the finals of the State Cup in basketball, following last night's victories in the semi-final round. Gvat-Yagur beat Haifa Hapoel 83-75, and Tel Aviv Hapoel beat Ramat Gan Macabi 88-75.



Yair Ilan and his mother, after the operation.

(Israel Sun)

## Haemophiliac doing well after laser scalp surgery

By MACABEE DEAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — The first operation in Israel — and probably in the world — on a severe haemophiliac without a prior transfusion of "Factor Eight" was done with a laser scalp Wednesday at Sheba Medical Centre.

Three-year-old Yair Ilan of Acre was doing "very well" yesterday, according to the medical staff, and should be discharged within a few days.

Haemophiliac's blood lacks a coagulating component. One of these, "Factor Eight," is responsible for about 75 per cent of all cases of haemophilia. Factors Nine and Eleven are responsible for most of the rest.

Yair was operated on to relieve a contracture of the hip joint, which was caused by repeated bleeding.

The operating team was headed by Dr. Henry Korosowski, an orthopaedic surgeon, and Dr. Uri Zeligson, a haematologist.

The laser scalp was designed in Israel and is being produced commercially by Israel Laser Industries. Sales have been made to several countries, and several thousand operations have been performed with it.

In the present operation, there was no bleeding. However, at the end of the operation a safety measure, Yair was given "Factor Eight."

If the administration of "Factor Eight" can be avoided in future operations with haemophiliacs, it will greatly reduce the cost of such operations, for it is quite expensive to fractionate "Factor Eight" from whole blood.

## Netivei Ayalon should be dissolved — Shifman

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The chairman of the Netivei Ayalon Board of Directors, Deputy Mayor David Shifman, yesterday called for what amounts to the dissolution of the company in its present form.

In a report he presented to the board yesterday, Shifman, who holds the municipal transport portfolio, explained that with the 1976 annual budget allotted to the company for the 1976/77 fiscal year, there is no way the company can effectively function and fulfill the task for which it was founded — to construct a highway complex along the eastern end of the city and to improve traffic arrangements in town.

"Continuing to maintain a company in the scope at which it now exists is a farce, a sham and a waste of the taxpayer's money. After having headed the board for the last two years, I feel that the time has come to face the real facts of the situation and prepare for a very basic change," Shifman told the Jerusalem Post last night.

The present staff is too large, and the fact that the company now does so little in no way enhances its reputation. A skeleton staff should take care of matters until the Government can come up with more funds that would make the renewal of work on the long highway feasible, the deputy mayor said.

## Manufacturers: Shemtov should quit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Manufacturers Association yesterday demanded that Health Minister Victor Shemtov resign. They claimed the Ministry had purchased substandard imported medical equipment rather than superior Israeli products.

A ministry spokesman denied the charge. She said that when Israeli standards of quality are set, all

imported and locally manufactured products would have to meet them. Told later of a tender for gauze with specifications below Israeli standards, the spokesman promised to check it.

Israeli manufacturers claimed they were able to produce competitively for the world market. But because of higher domestic standards and customs duties on raw materials (from which importers of finished goods were exempt) their domestic prices were 10 per cent higher.

## Iron Age may have started at Timna

By YAA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The transition from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age, about 3,000 years ago, may have started at the ancient Timna copper mines.

This is one of the findings of a six-year study by a team of the U.S. Geological Survey, headed by Prof. Charles Milton. A report of the study is to be published in the spring.

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post yesterday, Prof. Milton said that his team had made the first investigation ever of the ancient slag heaps at Timna, using the latest scientific study techniques, including X-ray diffraction and spectroscopy.

"We established that besides copper, the ancients, at about the time of King Solomon, also unintentionally produced metallic iron in their smelters. It may have been the first iron made by the human race," he said.

He displayed microscopic photographs which clearly showed the iron elements. "At first they would not have known that they had discovered a new metal, but in time they must have noticed its different properties and its superiority as a material for making tools," he said.

Milton, 79, an expert in geology and minerals, is Quondam Research

Professor at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., as well as a research geologist at the U.S. Geological Survey and visiting research geologist at the University of California at Berkeley. The team also included Edward J. Drenth, Robert B. Finkelman and Priestly Tomin, of the Geological Survey.

Until the present study, no one had knowledge of the smelting processes and metallurgy of the ancient copper miners had been established. Milton said. His team examined thousands of tons of slag left behind in the Timna area over the past 3,000 years and the ruins of the furnaces used to smelt the metal. (Today the Timna copper is produced by leaching). On the basis of carbon-14 tests of the charcoal used for smelting, they dated the slag heaps to about 1,200 B.C.

The team also established that the Timna copper was worked three distinct periods, starting from the Chalcolithic period at the end of the fourth millennium, through the Egyptian period, some 2,000 years ago, and finally during the Roman-Byzantine period.

During his stay here Milton is tured on the scientific aspects of the findings at the Technion's Mineral Engineering Unit, whose guest he is.

## ILP backs Kol on rights of Palestinians

By SEAYA SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Minister of Tourism, Moshe Kol, obtained a vote of confidence as the leader of the Independent Liberals yesterday when the party's Central Committee endorsed, by 102 votes to 72, the resolution calling for a peace move by Israel and affirming the right of the Palestinians to self-determination previously adopted by the party executive.

The Central Committee, however, amended the resolution to declare that "the solution to the Palestinian problem will be found in the framework of a Jordanian-Palestinian federative state, or otherwise, according to the wishes of the population, which is already largely Palestinian." Kol did not oppose the amendment, which passed by 94 votes to 45.

Yesterday's meeting was called to vote on the appeal against the original resolution of the executive by a group of members led by

Hillel Seidel, M.K., and Haim Teimani, who claimed that Kol was in fact recommending the establishment of a third state in the area called Palestine in the League of Nations mandate. Kol assured the party this was not his intention.

But the Independent Liberals' Government will now argue that "an authorized representative of Palestinians who want to live in peace with Israel" be named in the Jordanian negotiating team in Geneva, or elsewhere.

On another issue, the trading allies in the party won another victory when the Central Committee resolved, by overwhelming majority, to scrap a proposal designed to rotate in office. It would have included in the party's new constitution a clause requiring any office holder who has served for three more terms to win a two-thirds majority of the Central Committee members present in order to be elected for an additional term.

## Solution to Zarmi crisis 'next week'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The "Zarmi crisis" is expected to be solved next week, a Labour Party source confidently said yesterday. But he refused to explain how this would come about.

Meanwhile, the secretaries of all

the districts of the party yesterday resolved to ask Prime Minister Rabin to meet with them to discuss the situation. They want Rabin to advise all party institutions not to create a small decision-making body at the top.

## U.S. arms for Egypt

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were somewhat surprised by the sharp Israeli reaction against the deal. In fact, many American officials argue that U.S. arms supplies to Egypt would also benefit Israel in the long run by keeping Sadat in the pro-U.S. camp and away from the Soviet Union.

Ambassador Dimitis has explained to the Americans that Israel has always taken U.S. interests into consideration, especially Washington's desire to make inroads in the Arab world. Israel, however, regards the start of a military relationship as going one step too far. Israel will support America's diplomatic interests in the Middle East, but only so long as they do not

damage Israel's security interests. Administration officials believe they will win Congressional support for the C-130 deal, and later additional military supplies to Egypt despite the opposition.

State Department lobbyists have been telling Congressmen during "consultations" that Egyptian President Sadat is currently in the U.S. corner and it is in American's interest to keep him there.

At yesterday's State Department press briefing, spokesman Robert Funseth said the Administration would see how Congress reacted to the C-130 deal before deciding whether to proceed with additional arms sales.

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## 'Present Vatican ties with Israel are a kind of recognition'

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The frequent contacts that exist between the Vatican and Israel denote "a kind of recognition" of the Jewish State by the Vatican. And if formal recognition with a permanent exchange of diplomatic representatives were instituted, it "would not change the reality of things very much."

That belief was expressed by Pierre de Contenson, executive secretary of the Roman Catholic Commission for Judaism of the Vatican, in an interview yesterday with The Jerusalem Post. The Vatican official spoke to the press after attending three days of closed sessions of the Liaison Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations, which met for the first time in Jerusalem this week.

"The Jewish State exists, and the Church knows it," he said. "I don't believe that the Vatican could give Israel more recognition."

Father de Contenson explained that the reason for the Vatican's refusal officially to recognize Israel is that "the policy in general is not aimed specifically against Israel — it is to wait until the boundaries of a country are fixed by some kind of agreement that carries weight internationally."

He noted that Israel was not the only country so deprived of Jordan (also with undetermined boundaries), the U.S. and the Soviet Union (for other reasons) also lack official diplomatic exchanges with the Vatican.

Father de Contenson asserted that on his tours of the Christian holy sites in Jerusalem, it was "quite clear" that there is more access and good care of the sites, adding that the UNESCO charges against Israel for digging archaeological sites in the Old City "are ridiculous."

This week's Catholic-Jewish dialogue, Father de Contenson said, mainly discussed the relations between the two religious groups in the last decade and their possible relations in the future.

"The aim of Jewish-Catholic relations must be coexistence and cooperation in working together for the dignity of man," he said.

Father de Contenson conceded that the history of many centuries has not often lived up to this ideal. "Because of the perspective of universality for spreading the message of Jesus, there have been Christians who tried to impose their faith on others, rather than just offer the possibility of hearing the message."

But times have changed, he added, and there is need for some clarification. "We no longer envision the Christianization of the world as we did in the past, some times in a brutal way."

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# FLED TERROR IN MEVASSERET saacsonsons won't return while 'same people are in power'

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Joel and Judith Isaacson, the American immigrant couple who fled to the U.S. in November 1974 after attacks by the Sibihi brothers in Mevasseret Yerushalayim, have refused to come back as long as the present authorities in the town remain in power.

In an often-bitter letter to the chairman of the Mevasseret Zion Local Council, Netanel Gabbel, the Isaacsons wrote: "How can we return when the very same people in positions of authority (who) did not try to help us when we so badly needed help, who instead helped those who threatened to run us out of town, are today still in those same positions of power? We only hope that by the time we return the situation will have been rectified."

Gabbel had written to the couple a December, asking them to return to Mevasseret and "be our neighbours again." He then pointed out that the residents of the town, most of them immigrants who have deeply felt the pains of absorption, would identify with every

immigrant who passes through the difficulties of absorption."

Eli Sibihi, 27, is currently serving a three-month jail sentence after having been convicted last month by the Jerusalem Magistrate Court for attacking and threatening Joel Isaacson and uprooting saplings on the couple's land.

His younger brother, David Sibihi, got a one-year suspended sentence on account of his clean record.

The Isaacsons wrote that Gabbel had known for months before November that they were planning to leave Israel, but that he and the other town officials never did anything to help them. Instead, they wrote, the vice chairman of the council, Fred Eli Sibihi on bail from prison (after his arrest).

"And now, Mr. Gabbel, you invite us back to Mevasseret and equate our difficulties with those of every other (new immigrant)," the Isaacsons did not put a return address on their letter, but they are believed to have returned to their previous home in New York.

# Tennis league season starts ahead of schedule

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

EL AVIV — The nine-team National Tennis League's 1976 season begins tomorrow, one month ahead of schedule, to get the country's top players in shape for the big spring international circuit in April. The early start should also ensure that the first half of the programme, completed by the end of May, before some of the country's leading tennis players begin their annual summer exodus to Europe.

The Israel Lawn Tennis Association's three lower leagues, comprising a total of some 70 teams, will open their season until early May.

Tel Aviv Maccabi "Alet," winners

of the National League title every year since 1938, with only one exception (in 1972 it went to Haifa's Carmel Country Club) tomorrow meet Tel Aviv Maccabi "Bek." Tel Aviv's Maccabi B team, which last year took over second place in the table from perennial runners-up Carmel, visit Netanya Maccabi.

The strongest overseas entry seen here for years is expected for the three-tournament Passover circuit, when prize money will be well in excess of the \$4,000 maximum awarded so far in Israel. Central place of the event will be the annual Passover International Championships at Ramat Hasharon, which will inaugurate the \$3m Israel Tennis Centre there.

# Jerusalem feminists score doctors' opposition to abortion bill

By MARY HADAR  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Feminist Movement of Jerusalem has condemned the nation's gynaecologists for their opposition to a liberalized abortion law, and accused the doctors of using scare tactics in an advertisement they placed in newspapers last week.

In a resolution passed unanimously by the feminists at a meeting Wednesday night, the women said they were shocked by the doctors' "retrogressive action" in declaring they would not cooperate with the revised abortion law which has been sent to committee in the Knesset. The law would require a woman to get the approval of a committee of two, composed of a gynaecologist and either a public health nurse or a social worker, before she could obtain a legal abortion.

The feminists said the revised law was mild in comparison to legislation being adopted elsewhere, where abortion is available on demand.

"The Feminist Movement especially condemns the scare tactics used by the doctors in their advertisement, in regard to an operation which is known to be less complicated than a natural birth," the resolution continued. "In fact, the 45,000 illegal abortions performed each year in Israel are done almost entirely by members of the

Israel Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society for exorbitant fees ranging from IL2,500 to IL4,500. For this amount the doctors are ready to overlook their concern about the "health and future fertility of Israel's women" of which they spoke in their ad.

The doctors' statement that the figure of 45,000 illegal abortions is too high also seems contrived, since the figure comes from no less an authority than the Minister of Health, the feminists pointed out. "It is up to women, and women alone, to decide whether an unwanted pregnancy should be terminated, since it is women who carry the child and bear the child. If the present law is not changed, the present situation will continue, under which women who have the means will obtain legal abortions, and poorer women will either bear unwanted children or try to perform their own abortions, with grave consequences."

"The Feminist Movement urges the doctors to reconsider their position," the resolution said.

The Feminist Movement of Jerusalem is a federation of six women's groups. About 50 members attended Wednesday night's meeting. Among the activities of the movement are consciousness raising, investigating abortions, and campaigning against sexist advertising.

# 12% increase in juvenile delinquency

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Juvenile delinquency went up 12 per cent last year — the biggest annual increase since 1968 — Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer told a press conference Tuesday.

About half the boys and girls now in institutions run by the ministry's youth authority have had some experience with drugs, 10 per cent having taken hard drugs, he said.

Hammer complained that provision of separate detention facilities for juvenile offenders has low Government priority. Such facilities must be provided by April 1977 when a law stipulating separate facilities for juveniles goes into effect.

The chances of this being carried out are slim, the minister stated.

# Haifa students to stop guard duty as protest

HAIFA — The Haifa University Students Union informed the university executive yesterday that it was suspending guard duty for all students on campus as of Sunday. This was in reaction to the executive's decision to permit dormitory residents to pay IL30 a month in lieu of guard duty at the dormitories.

The union demands that this decision be rescinded. It regards the substitution of a cash payment for guard duty as capitulation to the threats of a group of Arab extremists.

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# Mortar shell defused

TEL AVIV — A live army mortar shell was safely defused here yesterday after being found in brush beside a house at 12 Rehov Bar Kochba. Police said they thought the shell had been left there by someone who was trying to get rid of it.

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# Plan to preserve and repair Jerusalem's Baka Uplifting a neglected quarter

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH,  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In the rush to build New Jerusalem during the past nine years, the city's older neighbourhoods — repositories of much of Jerusalem's charm — have been forgotten by the authorities, their infrastructure and amenities left far behind those in the new developments. This month, for the first time, a comprehensive plan for uplifting one of these neglected older neighbourhoods, Baka, has been proposed by municipal planners.

Unlike earlier urban renewal proposals, the new approach shuns wholesale demolitions, opting instead for a painstaking facelifting that would preserve the social and physical texture of the neighbourhood.

Spreading over 800 dunams between the German Colony and Talpiaz, Baka's indistinct character reflects the vagaries of its history. Founded by Arabs from the Old City in the 1890s astride the road to Hebron, it became an attractive middle-class Moslem neighbourhood, somewhat down the economic scale from Talpiaz, with its opulent villas. With the onset of the War of Independence in 1948, the quarter's Arab residents fled eastward and their homes were taken over by the Custodian for Absentee Property. In some, the authorities settled refugees expelled from the Old City's Jewish Quarter by the Arab Legion. The remainder were filled between 1950 and 1956 by immigrants, mostly Moroccan, from the large *ma'abarot* tent camps in Talpiaz.

Because of Baka's large undeveloped areas, its fairness and its control by a government agency, it soon became the site for low-income public housing aimed at helping empty the Talpiaz *ma'abarot* as quickly as possible.

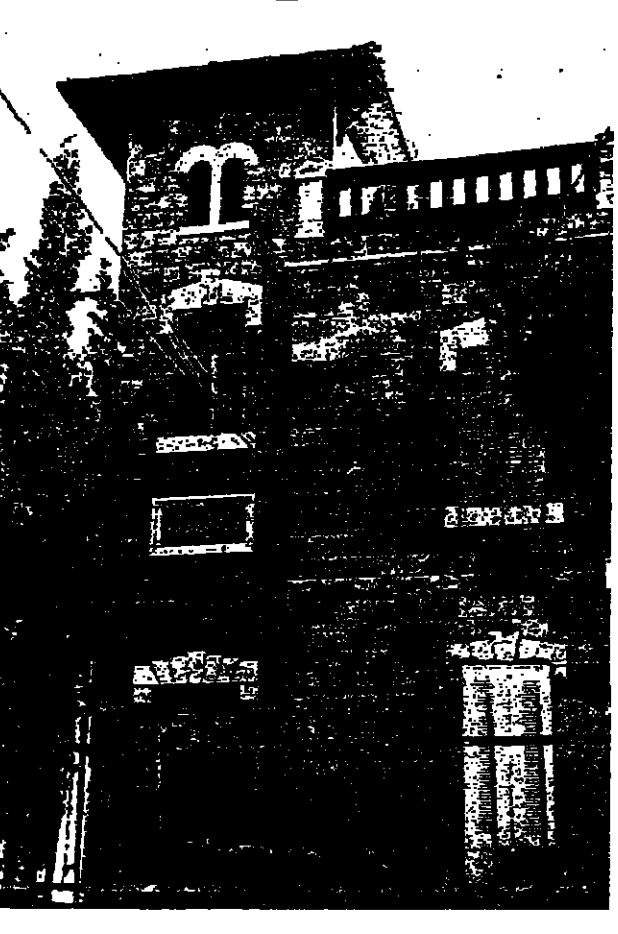
To this mixture of low-standard housing projects and once-handsome Arab houses still projecting a faded elegance has been added in recent years modernist-income housing built by private contractors. About a quarter of the neighbourhood remains undeveloped.

Baka was selected eight months ago as a pilot project by the newly created Unit for Neighbourhood Improvement. "We picked it because it was on the threshold of becoming problematical" but was still very much salvageable," says Sarah Fox, the unit's head. An American immigrant who had been on the staff of the New York City Planning Commission, Mrs. Fox was selected for her new job by Meron Benvenisti, Deputy Mayor in charge of planning.

Fox and assistants began with a house-by-house, lot-by-lot survey of Baka. Although there was an abundance of open space, most of it was in the form of debris-littered lots.

Some of the side streets were unpaved. Much of the housing was substandard, and a general air of neglect clung to the neighbourhood. Baka had become a convenient dumping ground for public institutions which were located there, although they had no specific neighbourhood functions — there were 18 in all, including homes for wayward youth. Two-thirds of the 7,500 residents were immigrants from Arab countries. Fox's objective was to make the neighbourhood so attractive that it would draw large enough numbers of middle-class residents to make Baka a socially balanced neighbourhood. To accomplish this, she and her team have recommended a series of steps:

- To stimulate a high standard of housing — and therefore a high economic level of population — the municipality should adopt legislation that would permit the construction of no apartment smaller than 80 square metres net area.
- The municipality should clean up the littered lots and turn some of them into vest-pocket parks and playgrounds.
- Large parts of Baka should be declared preservation areas, to ensure that the old Arab buildings are not razed. Changes in these buildings should be made only according to architectural criteria established by the unit. New buildings constructed in these areas should relate architecturally to the older structures around them.
- Amidar, which administers 150 of the old Arab buildings in the quarter, should undertake to ensure that all are brought up to minimal housing standards including toilets in each apartment and windows in every room. Amidar should also remove unsightly additions from the buildings' exteriors, repair the stone fences and gates fronting most of these buildings, and develop the garden plots around the buildings. To stimulate similar improvements



Old Arab house in Baka, slated for preservation.

among private homeowners in the area, a special loan fund should be set up.

Residents should be involved in the planning process by consulting them on the types of improvements they would like to see.

Since the unit has no power of its own, it must achieve its aims by permission — of government agencies such as Amidar and the Lands Administration, which administer most of the property; of municipal departments, which can execute improvements or prevent demolitions; of local residents who are central to any plan for improved maintenance of the neighbourhood.

The Unit for Neighbourhood Improvement has already scored some successes. It has persuaded the city traffic department to scrap a plan calling for the widening of many of the narrow streets, which would have meant the elimination of stone walls, gardens and much of the neighbourhood's attractiveness. It has persuaded the principal of the Geulim Alef school to permit his building to be used in off hours as a community centre, to augment the one small centre existing in the neighbourhood.

The Jerusalem Foundation is providing funds for the development, already underway, of a public sports centre of the school's ground, including tennis and basketball courts and an adventure playground.

The unit has not won all its battles. Its effort to reduce the number of slum evacuees transferred to Baka from the Mamilla urban renewal area failed, and its attempt to kill a plan to demolish the houses along one side of Rehov Yehuda, in order to build an east-west through road, has resulted only in a pledge that the project would not be carried out for another 15 years.

But Fox believes a basic change has taken place in the authorities' attitude to Baka.

"Everybody knows they can't dump their problems there anymore."

Instead of handing in the plan and moving on to another neighbourhood, Fox sees the unit's task in Baka just beginning. "This is an action programme. We have to be part of its implementation."

At least half a dozen architects have quietly bought old houses in Baka and converted them for their own use. This is a trend, Fox feels, that can be accelerated without much difficulty.

"We're going to change the image of Baka," she says.

# Jerusalem might 'Improve medical standards stop erosion of Sanhedriya Park by specialists at clinics'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Municipal planners have begun looking into the possibility of halting further development on the periphery of Sanhedriya Park.

The move comes in the wake of an article in *The Jerusalem Post* last week describing how new buildings are cutting into the park, cutting off its view and destroying its intimacy.

A senior planner said this week that the Municipal Planning Department is investigating the possibility of offering owners of building plots along the edge of the park alternative building sites in adjacent Sanhedriya Park. Such a move would require the cooperation of the Lands Administration which wishes to expand Sanhedriya Park northwards into an area presently zoned by the municipality for green space. Provision for transferred plots could be made in such an expanded area.

Until the matter is clarified, said the planner, the municipality could freeze the issuing of additional building licences in the area.

A final decision may have to await the return of Meron Benvenisti, deputy mayor in charge of planning, from a trip abroad, in two weeks.

By YA'ACOV ARDON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — A proposal to improve the country's standards of medical treatment by using teams of specialists at the clinics of the sick funds — instead of referring patients to hospitals for a repetition of the preliminary diagnostic tests, examinations and X-rays — has been advocated by the dean of the Technion Medical School, Prof. David Eriik.

Speaking to the Public Relations Association and the press this week, Dr. Eriik said such teams would ease the pressure for admissions to the limited hospitals facilities and would attract young doctors keen on professional advancement, which they can't get as the clinics are now operated.

Dr. Eriik said that the level of medical competence varied sharply between the hospitals and clinics. Hospital staffs are carefully selected and only the most skilled remain, he stated. Most clinics lack the specialists required for accurate diagnosis, he claimed.

Two thousand applications have been received by the country's medical schools, which this year have pooled registration for the 240 vacancies. Of the 240, only about 180 will graduate, Dr. Eriik said.

He pointed out there was no method of determining in advance who would be a good doctor.

No figures exist on the emigration of young doctors, and many who have stayed abroad for several years are not necessarily emigrants, according to Dr. Eriik. Many would return if they could find suitable work. "But budgets are short. Whenever I have to tell them I have no vacancy, I feel as if I am abetting emigration."

Dr. Eriik maintained that work at the clinics is the key factor. "But reform from the top is not enough," he said. "We need it from the ground up and should train doctors for team work. Family doctors are certainly desirable; but unless they also specialize, they are in danger of lacking the know-how for diagnosing in time illnesses that respond to early treatment."

# Allon to meet Mexican Jewish groups today

MEXICO CITY — Foreign Minister Yigal Allon yesterday toured the 1,000-year-old Maya temple complex of Uxmal, in eastern Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, after winding up his talks in the capital.

Israeli officials said Allon and his wife Ruth were due back here today to meet Mexican Jewish groups. He leaves later today for a three-hour visit to the Guatemalan disaster zone, where an earthquake last month killed 22,700 people and left one and a half million homeless, and will then travel on to Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

Allon, who arrived in Mexico City last Sunday, apparently made some progress in his commercial talks here. But there was no sign that he had turned the Mexican Government away from its increasingly anti-Israel line on the Middle East conflict.

Officials sources said the Mexicans had agreed in principle to build an assembly plant for the Israeli short-takeoff-and-landing Arava aircraft here.

But on the political side, Allon and Mexican Foreign Minister Alfonso Garcia disagreed publicly at a press conference Wednesday night over Mexico's willingness to let the terrorist PLO open a press office here.

Meanwhile, Mexico's tourist industry is reportedly recovering with the aid of the Jewish boycott brought on by Mexico's anti-Israel vote in the UN — partly thanks to a boost provided by the Allon visit.

(Reuter, AP)

2½ years for  
ex-army man  
guilty of graft

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH — Safad contractor Zvi Erez (Epstein), convicted a week ago of fraud, breach of trust and exacting kickbacks while serving as civilian commander of an army construction unit in the North (from 1967 to 1972), was yesterday sentenced to two and a half years in prison.

But District Court Judge Yosef Margalit agreed to defer execution of the sentence to allow the 63-year-old Erez, whose slice of contracts handled by the unit was usually 10-15 per cent, to appeal.

A good part of yesterday's session was devoted to hearing character witnesses. The army's oldest serving member, Aluf-Mishne David Leshkov, 72 (inventor of the "Davidka" mortar), and Sgan-Aluf Yisrael Peleg testified to Erez's courage under fire. But Senior District Attorney Ya'acov Reiss dismissed this as irrelevant: Erez had come to work for the army after the Six Day War as a civilian, because he had gone bankrupt.

When the defence said Erez's bribe-taking (which totalled IL10,000 — IL15,000) had not affected the quality of his work, Judge Margalit asked what effect on morale he thought had resulted from the knowledge that in Erez's unit no contract could be obtained except after bribing the commander. The Mozambique move, designed to bring the regime of Premier Ian Smith to its knees. In Dar-es-Salaam, the newspaper of the ruling Tanzanian party said that Mozambique's decision to go on to a war footing meant that Tanzania was also at war with Rhodesia.

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# Negev farmers claim Beduin 'sabotage' pipes

By HAIM SHAHAM  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Beduin shepherds in the Eshkol Region are causing considerable damage to crops and water pipes, according to the chairman of the Eshkol Regional Council, Shmuel Avni.

In a letter to chairman of settlements in the area, Avni described the damage to the pipes as "sabotage."

The trouble arises out of agreements between Jewish farmers in the region and Beduin shepherds, under which the Beduin paid cash for the right to graze their flocks on certain portions of land which were not being used by their owners at the time. These agreements, which were mostly entered into a few years ago, are illegal.

At the end of the periods stipulated in many of the agreements, Avni said, the Beduin shepherds failed to depart. Instead, they began erecting tents and corrugated-iron structures on the land and continued to graze their flocks, causing damage to crops. Damage to the water pipes allegedly resulted from the Beduin practice of making holes in pipes to water their livestock.

Officials of the Eshkol Regional Council say they have asked various government agencies to take action to get the Beduin, but their requests have been turned down — usually on the grounds of lack of manpower to enforce the law.

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property and assets there. These seizures will almost certainly include railway equipment owned by Rhodesia Railways, which in addition to carrying exports, transported much-needed food supplies for Mozambique itself.

Initial assessments of the situation indicate that not a great deal of money is involved. Business sources said most Rhodesian businessmen had been cashing in their assets and moving out of Mozambique in the last year.

Officials of Rhodesia Railways have so far declined to comment on the number of locomotives and wagons it has lost through the Mozambique seizure. But at least two locomotives are known to have been impounded and 18 Rhodesian Railways personnel are under arrest. Radio Mozambique said yesterday that police had seized all Rhodesian-owned property in the Beira.

African leaders, including Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, as well as the British Government have welcomed the Mozambique move, designed to bring the regime of Premier Ian Smith to its knees. In Dar-es-Salaam, the newspaper of the ruling Tanzanian party said that Mozambique's decision to go on to a war footing meant that Tanzania was also at war with Rhodesia.

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BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Israeli "peace pilot" and one-time restaurateur Abie Nathan, who now runs a pop-music station from his Peace Ship in the Mediterranean, returned yesterday from a two-week visit to the Guatemala earthquake zone.

Nathan told reporters that he plans to devote two months' income from his station — \$50,000 — to rebuilding houses in the Guatemalan town of Sanarta.

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## Lebanese clans can't agree on cabinet

By ANDREW WALLER

BEIRUT — Nearly six weeks after Syria engineered a ceasefire in the Lebanese civil war, politicians here are still parleying about what kind of government Lebanon should have.

After weeks of consultations by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, they have agreed in principle that a new cabinet should take over from the six-man government formed last July.

But they do not agree on the size of the new cabinet. They do not agree on who should control the army. They do not agree as to what should be done about army deserters.

However, with more than 10,000 people killed in 10 months of civil war, there is one thing on which they apparently do agree: the Lebanese way of forming governments.

This is done by a seemingly endless process of political juggling among the handful of families who have been the country's ruling "elite" since it gained its independence from France in 1943.

For Syria, the Lebanese problem is a major pre-occupation. According to a leading member of the ruling Baath party in Damascus, most of the government there has been tied up with this one issue for many months.

But all the efforts of President Hafez Assad, Khaddam and other top Syrian officials have failed to speed up the old-fashioned Lebanese political process.

One former premier is reported to have suggested to President Assad that his son would be a better ministerial candidate than his rivals because "after all he is of better family."

Rightwing leaders Pierre Gemayel and Camille Chamoun want the cabinet to be enlarged by only a relatively few extra members. But Lebanon's leftist chief Kamal Jumblatt wants it to include representatives of all parties in Beirut.

At present six ministers divide 23 portfolios among them, each holding three or four.

The leftwing daily, "Beirut," commented that the rightwing leaders did not want the government's base broadened too much, in order to keep out potential rightwing rivals.

Political sources said Chamoun and Gemayel also wanted the question of who should command the army on security duties solved before a new government is formed, so that when it does start work it can concentrate on social and economic problems.

Premier Rashid Karam, who is also Defence Minister, approved control of army units on security duties being assigned to the joint military committee, which includes Syrian and Palestinian Liberation Army (PLA) officers as well as Lebanese.

The committee, set up after the January 22 ceasefire, is responsible for bringing order out of the anarchy into which Lebanon had tumbled.

Last Tuesday night Karam named army commander Hanna Seade to head the joint military committee. His appointment gives the Lebanese a majority on the committee.

Following a new wave of looting and pillage in Beirut at the end of last week the committee decided to assign troops to take over security duties in Christian East Beirut and to work with Palestinian troops on similar duties in the Moslem western districts of the city.

The army was already on patrol in the central commercial districts, but in East Beirut gunmen from the right wing Phalangist and National Liberal parties had been detailed to keep order since the ceasefire.

In West Beirut the task was given in January to the Palestine Liberation Army, the Palestinian military police and special detachments from some terrorist groups, all of which continue to control the eastern and northern regions of Lebanon. (Reuter)

## French pro-Arab policies furthered by joint note

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PARIS — France yesterday called for a rapid Middle East peace settlement aimed particularly at permitting the Palestinian people to fulfil their aspirations and exercise their legitimate rights.

The French position, contained in a joint communiqué issued at the end of an official visit here by the Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa al-Khalifa, appeared to go a step further in France's pro-Arab policies.

Palestinian "aspirations" include the disappearance of Israel, according to some observers.

Fast French pronouncements on the Palestinian issue have referred to the "right of the Palestinians to have a homeland" while calling for guaranteed borders for all states in the area. French officials confirmed that the phraseology in the Franco-Bahraini communiqué was

indeed new. But they said the French position on the issue remained unchanged.

Diplomatic sources predicted that the communiqué would give France a propaganda boost in the Arab press which was thought likely to be keenly interested in the terms of the Franco-Bahraini statement.

But some French and Israeli officials here said the communiqué's language did not mark any toughening of the French stand in favour of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, which was not mentioned by name.

In a toast to the Emir on Tuesday at an Elysee palace banquet, President Giscard d'Estaing reaffirmed "the right of all states in the region to secure, recognized and guaranteed borders, the right of the Arab countries to recover all their occupied territories and that of the Palestinian people to a homeland."

## Soviet Party congress picks top leadership

MOSCOW — Top Soviet Communists, in a secret session, yesterday chose a leadership to rule the world's biggest nation.

The names were expected to be announced today at the closing session of the 26th Communist Party Congress.

There was no word of the session in the Kremlin, beyond a brief acknowledgment that "the congress took up the next item on its agenda — elections of central party bodies."

Leaders of the East European nations were also thought to be meeting yesterday in an East Bloc summit, though no Soviet official could, or would, confirm the widely-reported gathering.

There was speculation the new party central committee would be expanded from its present 241 members, reduced over the years by death and illness.

The procedure then calls for approval of the committee by the full congress, followed by nomination by the committee in a secret plenum of the Politburo — the 15-men "cabinet" which effectively rules the country.

To what extent individual delegates exercised personal choice remained debatable, but the consensus of analysts' views was that the voting process was largely decided beforehand.

(Soviet economy, page 12)



**DEOP OUT**—Sen. Birch Bayh announced yesterday he is suspending active campaigning for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Bayh, a liberal, said his decision to withdraw from the campaign was triggered by his poor showing in primaries.

## 'K MAY TESTIFY' Lockheed executives to retire

LOS ANGELES — Two top Lockheed Aircraft Corporation executives will retire this month, a company announced yesterday. It gave no reasons for their decision.

The announcement came yesterday, one month after two executives resigned following a company's mission that it paid \$22m. in bribes to win sales of its planes.

The executives named now are vice-presidents Archie Folsom, 61, and Ralph Osborn, 61.

Folsom, who has been with Lockheed for 35 years, will retain an executive vice-president of a Lockheed-California Company at the end of March and will spend April ending his activities as chairman of the board of Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company.

Osborn has been with Lockheed for 39 years.

In Washington on Wednesday, chairman William E. McNamara of U.S. Senate Banking Committee said it may call U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to testify whether the State Department secretly known all along about overseas corporate bribe payments.

Proxmire said during a hearing: Lockheed's payments to Japanese agents that the Defence Department "is on record as condoning corporate payoffs and even instructs these companies on how to pay bribes."

Japanese government leaders were reported yesterday to consider "reasonable" the offer of the chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to make available unspecified conditions the names Japanese officials alleged to have accepted bribes in the Lockheed case.

Sources close to the government said high ranking officials reacted calmly to the word from Washington and termed it an "anticipated offer."

In Washington, Roderick M. Hall, SEC chairman, told the Senate Banking Committee information is offered only after the Japanese government promises names will be used in a manner which will interfere with an independent investigation of Lockheed actions. SEC is organizing.

The sources here noted, however, that Prime Minister Takeo Miki pledged to disclose publicly "as rule" all relevant information in a Lockheed investigation. They said the SEC restrictions could pose a problem for Miki if he cannot carry out his promise.

(Reuter, A)

## Bomb blasts London train

LONDON — A bomb placed under a seat devastated a commuter train carriage this morning, minutes after hundreds of rush-hour passengers had disembarked at a London railway station.

The explosion would have caused a "massacre" had it occurred a few minutes earlier, said a spokesman for the state-run British railways.

Police believed the 10-pound bomb was planted by Irish Republican Army guerrillas. But they were not certain whether it had been intended to kill and maim as many people as possible or was deliberately placed on an empty train as a warning.

Eight people travelling in a second train alongside the empty train sustained shock from the explosion. They were treated and discharged from a local hospital.

(Reuter)

## Tremor in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY — After shocks and tremors are still being felt through wide parts of Guatemala, prompting fears of another giant quake still to come. The official toll in last month's quake now stands at nearly 23,000. (UPI)

CAVALHO — The Portuguese Government has released from prison Maj. Otilio Salva de Carvalho, the former military security chief.

(Reuter, A)

## THE WORLD IN BRIEF

### 'Hooligans' plague Soviets at UN

UNITED NATIONS — The Soviet Union, in the latest of a recent stream of protests, yesterday again complained about hostile demonstrations near the Soviet UN Mission.

In a letter to the UN Mission, it said that during the most recent incident, on Tuesday, a "group of hooligans... shouted obscenities and insults and also threats against Soviet citizens who were walking past."

(Reuter)

### Alleged CIA man quits Sweden

STOCKHOLM — The U.S. Embassy notified the Swedish Foreign Ministry late Wednesday night that Bruce Hutchins, Second Secretary of the embassy and an alleged agent for the American Central Intelligence Agency, had left Sweden on Tuesday with his family.

His departure coincided with revelations in the magazine "Frikulturfront" that he had recruited a Kenyan free lance journalist employed by Radio Sweden as an agent for the CIA. The U.S. Embassy gave no reason for Hutchins' sudden departure.

(AP)

### Hussein warns of World War III

CANBERRA — Jordan's King Hussein said yesterday a new war could erupt anytime in the Middle East and set off World War III. Hussein, speaking at the National Press Club in the Australian capital during a state visit, said U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's "shuttle diplomacy" had ended in failure because Israel refused to withdraw from territory it occupied during the 1967 war.

"Today we are trapped in what appears to be a closed end," he said, adding that Israel's policy had been "to just wait until the Arabs give up or give in."

"It is the single most serious mistake they have made in nine years."

(AP)

### 'Carlos in Malta' report denied

BEIRUT — The official Saudi press agency yesterday denied reports attributed to "Saudi government sources" that the Venezuelan-born international terrorist Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, better known as "Carlos," was currently in Malta under surveillance.

The report, distributed by a French news agency, also alleged that a book about Carlos was being printed in Saudi Arabia under the title of "Red Devils."

(Reuter)

## Uruguayan leftists seek refuge

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — At least 30 Uruguayan leftists have taken asylum in the Mexican Embassy to escape an increasingly severe government crackdown on leftists that is reported to have jailed hundreds and perhaps thousands, political sources said on Wednesday.

The sources did not identify the refugees but said some had also taken refuge at the Colombian Embassy.

The army and police staged massive arrests of opponents of President Juan M. Bordaberry's rightwing administration in late 1973.

Uruguayan officials have accused the leftists of trying to launch guerrilla warfare in the fashion of the once-feared left-wing Tupamaro urban terrorists.

(AP)

## Farmers kill French officer

NARBONNE, France — A high-ranking police officer was killed in an exchange of rifle and sub-machine gun fire with wine growers near here yesterday, the Interior Ministry in Paris said.

According to eye-witnesses, a wine grower also died after being shot in the head and there were unconfirmed reports of up to 50 injuries. The ministry said a major in the riot police was killed and 11 policemen were injured in the clash.

## Chevron to seek oil in Egypt

CAIRO — Egypt and the U.S. oil company Chevron yesterday signed a multi-million dollar agreement for petroleum exploration in the Suez Gulf region, already proven an oil-rich area.

Under the agreement, Chevron pays Egypt \$5m. for the right to explore in a 720 sq.m. area near Gama, off the Suez eastern desert coast, for at least three years.

(AP)

## Mao's wife leads 'revolutionary art' forces

PEKING — Chairman Mao Tse-tung's wife, Chiang Ching, yesterday clearly emerged as a force in the mounting press attacks against Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping.

Articles in official newspapers assailed Teng for opposing revolutionary art and literature. One said he had stalked out in contempt midway through a film, denouncing it as ultra-leftist.

Chiang Ching, a former Shanghai movie actress who played a major role in the tumultuous Cultural Revolution of the 1960's, is regarded as the guardian of China's heavily-politicized arts.

Sinologists said yesterday's articles must have had her backing and amounted to a vigorous defence of new "revolutionary art forms."

Teng, who has been openly attacked in wallposters, was not named in the press but was referred to as "that unrepentant capitalist roader."

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman declined to comment on rumors that the moderate 71-year-old Vice-Premier had resigned in face of the frontal onslaught.

A front-page feature in the "People's Daily" charged that Teng had attacked "in a very threatening manner" Peking operas with which Chiang Ching has been associated. It provided a glimpse of behind-the-

scenes squabbles over the arts.

The article complained that the blunt-talking Teng preferred old dramas, refused to attend new "model stage works" and spread lies that tickets for the shows sold badly.

In 1964, it said, a performance of the opera "Raid on the White Tiger Regiment" was arranged for the Vice-Premier. The cast walked in their make-up but he failed to turn up.

He did attend the screening of "Spring Sprocket," which had its debut here last October. But midway through the film, Teng walked out, denouncing it as ultra-leftist and pulling his sleeve in a show of contempt, the article said.

It concluded by denouncing Vice-Premier as an opponent of the fruits of the Cultural Revolution must not be given up lightly a must be defended by fighting."

Teng, who is also a Party vice chairman and military chief of staff, has not been heard of since he re the eulogy at a memorial service for the late Premier Chou En-lai January 15.

Until the anti-rightist campaign gathered momentum last month, was seen as China's chief administrator and its future premier.

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## Capturing nuances of Flamenco

DANCE/  
By JOAN CASS

ISRAEL had an unofficial Spanish Dance Week at the end of February. Sylvia Duran appeared on television in excerpts from her repertoire on February 23; Antonio and his group danced on the air waves on February 27; Dalia Low performed at Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am with guitarists Jose the Jerusalemite and Carlos and Juan de Dios on February 29.

There is wide appeal in Spanish dance, which exotically blends strains of gypsy, Moorish and Iberian peninsula folk culture into a highly developed art. Spanish dance is almost a synonym for exciting, proud beauty, featuring as it does an exaggerated elegant carriage of back and arms, contrasting with underpinning of tempestuous, percussive footwork. Because it involves such a difficult technique and is at the same time an expression of national personality, should the performer necessarily be a born Spaniard, trained among his people to do the dance justice?

Antonio's fine native troupe speaks for itself. But of the two female dancers who gave performances here, neither is Spanish. Sylvia Duran, however, in every way satisfies the artistic demands of her adopted dance form, delivering every expressive nuance while executing technical feats with fiery sureness and skill.

Unfortunately, Dalia Low does not seem similarly at home in this genre. The four dances she did at Beit Ha'am; Algerias, Zapateado, Seguidillas and a flamenco Tango, were all solidly within the proper traditional forms. She approached her material with respect, neither resorting to cheap tricks to win the crowd, nor omitting any of the authentic subtleties. But in each case she lacked that final authority, that assurance that proclaims the artist. Since her case contradicts that of Sylvia Duran, the conclusion is that one need not be Spanish-born for Spanish dancing — it is a question of time, talent and temperament.

There is a quality in Spanish dance called "duende" — the literal meaning of which is "demon." Flamenco dancers almost give the impression of being possessed. Indeed, in their natural setting of gypsy caves, when conditions are right, the dancers do become possessed, catching fire from one another and from singers,



Dalia Low — approaching her material with respect (Shmuel Rahmani)

guitarists and anyone who happens to be inspired among the spectators, and all take part in wilder and wilder flights of improvisation. It is rather like a good "jam" session among jazz musicians.

Thus it is always a little artificial and risky to transport flamenco dance to a theatre stage — especially in a foreign country. In Dalia Low's case it simply didn't come off, although she made a stunning picture in one elaborate costume after another, and proved that she had studied hard and was capable of executing many intricate steps and patterns. Juan de Dios gave her excellent support, handling the singing and guitar accompaniment with verve and adding delightful touches of humour with comments both spoken and mimed.

## Unique one-man film effort

CINEMA/  
JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Lone-wolf movie-maker Moshe Guez will tomorrow night see the fruition of a unique one-man effort, when his first feature film, "The Angel was a Devil," opens at the Gordon Cinema here and the Ashdod Cinema in Ashdod.

Guez, 36, made the picture in 1972, acting as producer, scriptwriter, director and chief photographer. In addition, he did all the technical work on his own and plays a major role in the piece, which he describes as a "psychological thriller." All this resulted in his keeping the budget down to only IL500,000, then less than half the normal cost of producing a colour movie in Israel.

Stars are Offela Shtrall — by coincidence, her one-woman show, "Those Men," likewise has its Tel Aviv premiere at ZO A House tomorrow night — ex-beauty queen Miri Ben-David, Nissim Franco and Eli Sender, a former Tel Aviv Macabi footballer.

Turns-born Guez has been "film-mad" ever since he and his family settled in Safad as new immigrants in 1952. After taking lessons in painting from members of the artists' colony there, the 13-year-old began drawing posters for a local cinema, in exchange for free admission.



Moshe Guez

Later he became a projectionist at the same cinema, first working on the Hebrew translations shown alongside the picture, and then operating the main projector. He was also a keen amateur photographer.

During his military service, Guez was assigned to the Air Force Film Unit, and, after learning all aspects of the trade, worked as a cameraman on instructional movies and documentaries. Demobilized in 1955

after seven years' service, he opened a photographic studio in Ramat Gan and made his initial contact with Tel Aviv film distributors by doing publicity stills for them. In 1967, he was a production manager and cameraman on "Six Days to Eternity," a documentary screened in Israel a week after the end of the war which proved a big box-office success.

BY THEN DETERMINED to realize his old dream of making a feature film, Guez worked night and day to add to the profits from the documentary, photographing weddings, fashion shows, soccer matches and anything else that came to hand. Finally, in 1972, he had sufficient funds to start on "The Angel was a Devil." It was completed the following year, but plans to screen it were interrupted for a lengthy period by the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath. A further delay was caused by difficulties with the censor, which felt that some of the sex-scenes were too frank.

Some 20 cinemas all over the country have already booked the movie — and even paid in advance for it — and Guez hopes that its financial success will enable him to make more ambitious pictures in the future. But he has no intention of trying to do anything else on his own. "It's too much work and responsibility for just one man," explains the near-exhausted film-maker.

## Talmud's luxuriant ecological garden

"QUALITY OF LIFE"... "Environmental Protection"... "Ecology"

Each generation, it seems, must produce at least one new science. Born as a social science, the new discipline has gradually evolved into a full-fledged laboratory science. University chairs have been established, learned journals roll off the presses and legions of undergraduates undertake to study, document and research findings in the new science.

Except for "Vietnam" or "Watergate," perhaps, no word in the English language appears so frequently in newspaper indexes as "Ecology" and "Environmental Protection." Even in Israel's Hebrew-language press the word is ubiquitous, hardly ever showing up any longer without its partner, *ha'seveva* (of the surroundings). Pursuing an old habit, many people in Israel have been asking, "And what does the Bible say about ecology?" Most of them, I think, are a bit disappointed when they find so few specific Scriptural references to what we have made a new science. At best, Bible readers with real in-

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

tellectual dexterity can use their exegetical prowess and read ecology into passages about the defilement of the Garden of Eden by Man.

On the other hand, Orthodox Jews — for whom the Talmud is also "the Bible" — have discovered a luxuriant ecological garden.

THERE ARE plenty of references to the "new" science in the Talmudic tractate Baba Batra, which was composed by the Rabbis around the sixth century C.E. Here are a few samples:

"Seeds, plough furrows and urine should be kept three handbreadths (about 30 cms.) from the wall separating your property from your neighbour's... because moist things are bad for a wall."

"An oven should not be located in a room unless there is above it an empty space of at least four cubits (about 240 cms.)... a man should not open a bakery or a dyer's

workshop, nor should he place a cattle stall, under his neighbour's storehouse."

"A pigeon cote must be kept at least 50 cubits away from a town... If a man should wish to put up a cote on his own estate he must ensure that there is a clear space of 50 cubits all around."

"Pits, ditches and caves may not be dug under a public place."

"In a courtyard which he shares with others, a man should not build a door facing another person's door, nor a window facing another person's window."

"If a man wishes to open a shop within a courtyard, his neighbour may protest and say to him, 'I cannot sleep on account of the noise of those coming in and going out.'"

"Carcasses, graves and tanneries must be kept 50 cubits away from a town."

"If a tree overhangs a public thoroughfare, the branches should be cut away to a height sufficient to allow a camel and rider to pass underneath... Rabbi Shimon says, 'All the branches should be cut away plumb with the street, to guard against uncleanness.'"

## Successful improvisations

MUSIC REVIEWS

THE BROADCASTING Authority's series "Music Spectrum," directed by pianist and harpsichord player Boris Berman, is usually of great interest, but its recent programme (Tel Aviv Museum, Feb. 28), was in part a rather disappointing event.

The evening was divided into two parts: the first featured French Baroque and Rococo music and the second introduced various improvisations in music.

To listen attentively to a whole hour of 17th and 18th century French music for harpsichord or small combinations of instruments, one needs to be in love with this kind of elegant but otherwise uncommitted music. And if the music is not well-performed, the pleasure becomes highly questionable.

There was no question about Berman's own contribution. He is a highly competent craftsman, a deeply involved musician, and a serious scholar. Nor could one find anything wrong with flutist Uri Shoham, who

played his parts in the two concerti from Rameau's "Pieces de clavecin en concert" for harpsichord, flute and violin with distinction and complete technical accomplishment. But Robert Koff, violin, and soprano Cilla Grossmayer fared less well. Mr. Koff was hardly audible to the serious detriment of the performance of the concerti and Jean-Joseph Mondonville's sonata for harpsichord and violin. But Couperin's "Premiere Leçon de Tenebre" for soprano and basso continuo, came off even worse. This is a long and boring piece of music in which Miss Grossmayer had constant trouble with her high notes and her intonation.

The second part of the evening was something more of a success. Avraham David Cohen gave us an excellent demonstration of what a first-

class Qawwal player can accomplish. He improvised and applied microtones, doubled octaves in a most original manner and displayed remarkable virtuosity. A pity he spoiled his second piece by concluding it with an arpeggio of a major triad.

In avant-garde music, too, improvisation plays a major role. To show how things come about, Berman assembled a distinguished group: mezzo soprano Emille Berendsen, cellist Marc Drabinsky and composer Michael Barolsky, who manipulated the electronic synthesizer. Together with Berman, the group found a fertile common language and produced not only intriguing effects but developed valuable musical ideas.

The jazz trio (Roman Kunsman, Lev Zahezinsky and Aaron Kaminsky) was a disappointment, displaying little imagination or originality.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

## Stravinsky hazards all satisfactorily overcome

AN ALL-STRAVINSKY programme, as offered by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra this week (Jerusalem Theatre, Mar. 2), can hold both challenges and dangers, for performers and listeners alike. But the prolonged applause at the end of the evening seemed to prove that the hazards were satisfactorily overcome. Mendi Rodan conducted with the utmost zeal and commitment, eliciting precise and faultless teamwork from his orchestra most of the time. The "Dumbarton Oaks" Concerto needs more "playing" and less "working" to succeed, as a heavy performance tends to point up a certain shallowness of ideas. (The Concerto, by the way, is written for 15 instruments, and not for 16 as the programme booklet had it).

Lydia Mordkovich was the soloist in the Concerto for Violin, which Stravinsky wrote in 1921 for Samuel Dushkin, the American Jewish violinist. She approached her task more as part of the orchestra

than as soloist, but her limited tone volume lent itself well to this conception. Technically, all was well, and whatever emotional values the composer allows the artist were there, so that the choice of Miss Mordkovich appears to have been a happy one.

"Petrushka", in its 1947 version (cutting off the dramatic finale to assure a rousing climax), started off rather hesitantly and heavily, but then the impetus of the music itself overcame the physical and perhaps mental fatigue of the musicians. We were given all the drama, rhythmic impulses and the many ingenious devices and ideas which made this one of Stravinsky's most attractive compositions. Mendi Rodan drove the orchestra relentlessly and effectively and can chalk up another success.

YOHANAN BOHEM

## Housing improvement

TEL AVIV. — HaAguda leTarbut leDiyur (the Association for Home Beautification) has announced a campaign to improve 1,000 dwellings throughout the country. The Association, with the assistance of the Improvement Fund of the Ministry of Housing and the Tambour Paint Company, will make available the sum of IL700,000 to assist house committees carry out improvements. The committees will be encouraged to visit the Association to obtain professional advice.

The Association, active in 54 communities, numbers 27,000 house committees among its membership. As part of its educational campaign two pamphlets have been issued. One deals with advice to house committees and the other contains a description of the law governing such committees.

100 JEWISH AND ARAB youngsters from the Jerusalem area took part on Tuesday in a cleanup of the open space between the Musara quarter and Damascus Gate, to prepare the field for eventual use as a sports ground. The youngsters, who were organized by the Meditran association, were supplied with rubbish-gathering equipment by the municipality.

## Rewarding Beethoven

AN ALL-BEETHOVEN programme was the choice of recently arrived violinist Silvia Marcovici for her first recital. (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, Feb. 25). This may have seemed a real challenge, but in the end proved to be a rewarding choice.

It was obvious that Miss Marcovici gave much thought to her selections, for she chose three highly diversified pieces:

The passionate No. 4, sonata in A minor, Op. 23; the graceful No. 5, in F Major (Spring), Op. 24; and the demanding No. 9, in A Major (Kreutzer), Op. 47.

Proving without a doubt her impeccable musicianship, she "allowed" her partner at the keyboard, Albert Guttman, his full share in sonatas 4 and 5. Moreover, in the Kreutzer sonata, the two artists achieved a complete parity of musical and technical exposition.

In some of the movements Miss Marcovici was particularly impressive. The Presto on Op. 23 contained a sense of great dramatic urgency, which allowed for no respite till the final cadence. Its dynamic changes and fluctuations in tempo were all marvellously integrated, providing the movement with a closely knit framework.

In the opening Adagio of the F Major sonata, the soft and dreamy cantilenas convincingly expressed the sonata's happy mood of peace and contentment. In both these sonatas Mr. Guttman as well proved a sensitive and able partner.

Finally, the two last movements of the Kreutzer sonata showed Miss Marcovici as a capable virtuoso mastering both fluency and brilliance.

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## Netanya '76 exhibition opens just after Pessah

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FOUR NEW STAMP issues are to be released by the Philatelic Service in connection with the forthcoming national stamp exhibition, "Netanya '76," to be held immediately after Pessahover.

One is a souvenir sheet for the "76" stamp show, incorporating three stamps, each showing a different aspect of Netanya's activities. The IL1 stamp depicts a diamond, as a reflection of the diamond industry; IL2 shows a sailing boat and IL4 displays a table covered by a beach umbrella (the two latter representing the city's resort industry).

The souvenir sheet, designed by A. Weisschoff, will be sold for IL10.



A IL1.55 stamp, designed by Dov Cohen, will mark this year's Memorial Day. It shows the monument near Ben-Gurion Airport.



KEREN YALDENU — TIKVATENU YOUTH CENTRES

The dedication of the

Hannah Golan Computer division of the Keren Yaldenu centre in Romema

will take place on Tuesday, March 9, 1976

(7 Adar Beth 5738) at 4.30 p.m.

in Romema, 5 Rehov Mengimel (next to Magen David Adom), Jerusalem.

Friends of Keren Yaldenu and of the late Hannah Golan are invited to attend.

Best wishes to

Mr. KIRTI LAL M. MEHTA  
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	IL	1974 IL		IL	1974 IL
Paid-up Capital of the Bank	318,939,000	184,864,000	Cash and Balances with Banks	18,249,436,000	14,812,533,000
Reserve for proposed distribution of Capitalization Shares	63,788,000	64,702,000	Securities	2,096,182,000	1,509,974,000
Capital Reserves	139,077,000	94,768,000	Deposits with and Loans to the Government	14,106,193,000	*8,983,940,000
Earned Surplus	383,152,000	309,954,000	Loans and Bills Discounted	11,163,397,000	*7,425,289,000
	904,956,000	654,288,000	Loans out of Deposits for the Granting of Loans	5,690,949,000	4,419,041,000
Capital Notes—Convertible into Shares of the Bank	374,663,000	153,100,000		30,960,539,000	20,828,270,000
	1,279,619,000	807,388,000	Other Accounts	517,794,000	*417,580,000
Interest of Outside Shareholders	378,740,000	307,164,000	Bank Premises and Equipment	328,197,000	248,985,000
	1,658,359,000	1,114,552,000	Liabilities of Customers	3,976,404,000	3,251,564,000
Demand Deposits	4,920,026,000	3,920,403,000			
Time and Savings Deposits	22,051,162,000	16,728,678,000			
Deposits and Loans from Banking Institutions	7,486,825,000	4,491,998,000			
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	40,763,045,000	29,952,728,000			
Debentures Issued by Subsidiaries	8,747,613,000	5,918,610,000			
Other Accounts	983,131,000	831,452,000			
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IN A RECENT LECTURE at Jerusalem's Ecumenical Institute for Advanced Theological Studies, Dr. Stanley J. Samartha, Indian Christian theologian and philosopher, asked the question: "Can Mount Sinai and the River Ganga ever meet?"

For Dr. Samartha, Mount Sinai stands for God's covenant relationship with Israel, and the River Ganga (erroneously called Ganges by the British) is a symbol of Hindu belief, whose tradition states: "Truth is one; sages call it many." For some people, both typify the particularity and universality of religious commitments and belief.

Dr. Samartha expressed the strong feeling that Jewish faith and Hindu spirituality have not yet met at sufficient depth and that both Jew and Hindu could profit from deeper encounters. He believes that much can be gained by increasing communication between people of different faiths: misunderstandings and caricatures can be dissolved, new appreciation and mutual respect can emerge, and common human concerns and goals can be discovered which can result in a more harmonious society.

For Dr. Samartha, this is not just the academic study of comparative religions, but a meeting of persons of different faith commitments. He finds such personal encounters so important that he has given his life to promote them. After serving as professor of philosophy and history of religions at the United Theological College in Bangalore, and then as Principal of Sarnapore College near Calcutta, he joined the staff of the World Council of Churches in 1968. Today he is director of the Programme on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies.

Under his leadership, the WCC has brought together people from Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, Moslem, Christian traditions and African traditional religions. The encounters demand genuine openness on both sides, both being free to witness to what is most meaningful and important in their own existence. The aim is not conversion, nor does it seek the dilution of all conviction for the sake of a false harmony. There are risks. Dialogue may result in the enrichment of all, in the discovery of new dimensions of truth, or merely lead to sterile confusion and unresolved conflicts, but Dr. Samartha believes it is important to take those risks.

Dr. Samartha expressed some of his views in an interview following his lecture at Tantur:

**Q.** Many Christian scholars have been influenced by Martin Buber's *I and Thou* and other writings on dialogue. Would you say Buber has been decisive in the current interest in dialogue?

**Dr. Samartha:** Of course, I know Martin Buber's works. But the experience of dialogue is much older, particularly in my culture and country. The whole idea of talking, listening, having a personal framework in which to understand spiritual in-

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sights is as old as Hinduism and the Buddha. The Buddha and his disciples, had this kind of dialogue as long ago as the 6th century BCE and you have this in other fellowships, too. I do not minimize Martin Buber's contribution but inasmuch as the impetus for dialogue came from Asia, particularly in recent years, this longer, deeper historical experience of dialogue in our culture should be recognized.

**Q.** Could you tell us a little about your contacts with Buddhism and Hinduism?

**Dr. Samartha:** Yes. All my life has been spent among neighbours of other faiths, especially Hindus, Buddhists, Moslems, Sikhs and so on, and of course, with my Christian friends. In these faiths you see a fundamental difference of approach to the mystery of existence. I tried to bring this out in referring to Mount Sinai and the River Ganga. It is a kind of very deep cultural and spiritual attitude, never to say that we possess truth, nor that we know the Infinite God in His fullness, but always to recognize that even in our knowledge of God, there is an element of the unknown, which should give us a certain humility.

It is that kind of attitude — I know, yet I do not know — that is particularly important in eastern religions. The Hindu, for example, respects Jesus and is even prepared to recognize his divinity, but Christian claims of finality and uniqueness make the Hindu uneasy. There is a way of approach to the mystery of God, and I do not think that we Christians should give the impression that we know all about God.

**Q.** I notice that your programme involves dialogue with people of living faiths and ideologies. With the spread of agnosticism and Marxism, this broader dimension of dialogue is certainly important.

**Dr. Samartha:** It is interesting that the moment you said "ideologies" you referred to Marxism. There seems to be a built-in Western bias that only Marxism is an ideology, not Western capitalism, or secularism, or consumerism, or the tremendous amount of sheer indifference to religious values. There are ideological assumptions in the Christian churches themselves, and in our programme we would like to help them to face openly what these are. Marxism is a very powerful ideology today, and there are countries where it is the dominant

ideology. In Western countries, capitalism and the sheer indifference to human values in the midst of consumer goods are major ideologies. Our process of dialogue and response to these ideologies is at an early stage.

**Q.** Some of us who live here feel that the burden of history and the complex political situation complicate the problem of dialogue perhaps more than in almost any other place. Among Christians there is the tragic history of division, of slaughter of Christians by Christians, the counter-claims of truth, the divisive character of language differences, and groups almost withdrawn in separate ghettos. There is certainly a need to increase communication between Christian communities.

In the area of Jewish-Christian dialogue, there is the history of Inquisition and pogroms, of forced conversions, and the memory of the Holocaust is fresh in everyone's mind. It is natural, I think, that after centuries of that kind of experience, many Jews just want to be left alone. Perhaps there is also a fear of proselytizing as the motive for the dialogue. With our Moslem friends, it is often difficult to approach questions of faith without becoming deeply involved in a political discussion. Are these problems unique?

**Dr. Samartha:** Do not forget that India, too, has had nearly a thousand years of bitterness between Hindus and Moslems. It is not easy to attain a deep level of dialogue. There are conservative, and fanatics, within every religion who refuse to have dialogue. So the focus of our attempts should be on those minority elements in the community who are willing to open channels of communication, not to forget the past, but to say: where do we go from a situation of co-existence or conflict?

There is need for an inner dialogue within communities. Within my own Christian community in India, we need to be asking: what are the ideological assumptions with which we have looked at the so-called non-Christians? Are these assumptions inherited by us from our mission heritage? Are they from our own caste heritage? What is it that makes us look negatively towards our neighbour?

**Q.** How might these things be applied here?

**Dr. Samartha:** Perhaps the first thing to promote would be an inner dialogue within the Jewish, Christian, or Moslem communities themselves regarding their cultural heritage, their historical pre-

suppositions, and their ideological assumptions which all affect attitudes to others. Secondly, one could focus on common concerns in society which can bring us together for practical cooperation.

Take, for example, the question of education of children. A lot of our attitudes toward Judaism, or Islam, or Christianity are based on textbooks used in schools or seminaries. As a result of dialogue, we have concluded that both communities should be involved in the preparation of such textbooks. For example, if a Christian is writing a textbook on Islam, a Moslem should be associated; if a Moslem is writing on Christianity, a Christian should assist, so that no caricatures of other religions creep in. Or take the question of minority — Christian minorities in Moslem countries, or Moslem minorities in Christian countries. Let us look at how we treat each other while we are in a majority position. Let us admit our faults and seek to eliminate discrimination.

There is a third possibility of dialogue, which is an encounter with commitments. It may come from very small groups of three or ten people, where you gradually establish a climate of friendliness, trust, and understanding. There is openness, frankness; there is no attempt to hide our convictions, or the fact that there is an element of witness involved in any kind of dialogue experience. There is a level of dialogue which is "more than an encounter" in which there is a deliberate effort to go beyond the words and doctrines to open oneself to what the living faith of that person is. In the same way, there is also an expectation that the partner in dialogue will try to see behind one's words.

**Q.** Has there been a Jewish contribution to some of the encounters your department has sponsored?

**Dr. Samartha:** Certainly. For example, at our multi-faith dialogue on world community in Sri Lanka, people from five faiths were present: Hindus, Buddhists, Jews, Moslems, and Christians. There was a distinctive Jewish contribution. Jewish religious values which came out significantly into the whole discussion on community included concepts which come from the Bible: the dignity of man as a consequence of being created by God; human freedom, a gift from God; creation being under the sovereignty of God, but also the arena of human responsibility. Secondly, our Jewish friends made a contribution toward clarifying the very term "world community." The term can be easily misunderstood, either as an attempt to have a world religion (and people are very afraid of syncretism), or it can be misunderstood as an effort to create a super-organization. A specifically Jewish contribution was the idea that the world community sought after is not a uniform mass of human beings, but a "community of communities." It gave a kind of framework where the particularity of communities and universality are both acknowledged.

**Dr. Stanley J. Samartha,** Director of the Programme on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies of the World Council of Churches, is an Indian theologian who was a member of a delegation which met the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations in Jerusalem recently.

## 120 leading dermatologists at Dead Sea meet today

By GEORGE LEONOF  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A RECORD NUMBER OF 120 dermatologists are to attend Israel's third International Psoriasis Symposium, which opens at the Dead Sea Psoriasis Centre today.

The group, together with some 40 accompanying members of family is more than double the 70 participants in last November's symposium at Ein Bokek. They hail from eight countries, and the inclusion of internationally renowned figures among them tends to confirm that — at least so far as psoriasis is concerned — Israel and the Dead Sea region have won a place on the world climate-therapy map.

Among the leading names in dermatology attending the three-day symposium at the Ganei Shulim Hotel are Professors H. Malback (U.S.), A. Millbradt (West Germany), N. Thyrsason (Sweden), and R. Dehne (Belgium). Other countries represented are Denmark, France, Holland and the U.K.

Israel is represented by a delegation of more than 40 specialists in the field, including Professor Felix Sagher of Hadassah, chairman of the Israel Dermatological Association.

All delegates are paying their own way with the exception of eight officially invited guests, according to Nahum Yahalom, head of Health Vacation Tours, organizers of the seminar.

He said the seminar is being held at a particularly appropriate time, when the largest number of foreign psoriasis patients to come here so far are undergoing treatment. This will give the dermatologists a unique opportunity to interview the patients and observe the treatment, he noted.

The largest group comprises 40 patients from Austria, followed by 30 from Denmark. Others are from Belgium, France, Germany, Holland and Switzerland. The latest contingent comprises 20 Finns who arrived on Sunday by direct charter from Helsinki.

Mr. Yahalom noted that the totally unexpected growth of foreign psoriasis patients seeking the 28-day "natural cure" at the Dead Sea was nothing short of phenomenal. The 4,000 hotel beds they occupied two years ago more than tripled to 13,000 in 1975, with the current year's estimate set at 30,000.

The increase—twelve-fold in two years—speaks eloquently for the curative effect of the region's sea and sun treatment on the widespread skin disease, Mr. Yahalom believed.

1,630 IMMIGRANTS came to Israel in February. Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen reported yesterday. He said 645 were from the Soviet Union, with the remainder coming from Latin America.

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## A NEW U.S. ROLE

LAST AUGUST when Dr. Kissinger was in Israel negotiating the interim agreement he assured Jerusalem officials that the U.S. was not contemplating becoming a principal arms supplier for Egypt.

Yesterday he stated this position again.

But whereas in August there was reason to assume that this disavowal meant the U.S. would confine itself to selling Egypt perhaps items like jeeps and trucks, it now appears that the term "principal arms supplier" has much greater elasticity.

For it is quite clear that the Ford Administration is interested in broadening the scope of arms sales to Egypt. Firstly it wants to maintain the process of displacing the Soviet Union whose hold on Egypt was exercised primarily through that country's dependence on Soviet military supplies. Secondly such sales — in addition to the huge sales to Saudi Arabia — promise to provide more of the billions that can offset the other billions used to purchase Arab oil.

Since Saudi Arabia and some of the other Arab oil producers are prepared to give Egypt the funds to purchase U.S. arms, and even to purchase arms directly themselves for transfer to Egypt, the arms-for-oil equation is quite explicit.

By embarking on such a policy, the U.S. will itself become the catalyst of a Middle East arms race, as Mr. Rabin pointed out yesterday. If it were the sole source of supply for both Israel and the Arab states such a pattern could perhaps contain elements promoting equilibrium. However, the Soviet Union is not going to gently step aside for the Pentagon. Nor will the European arms suppliers write off the Arab military market. Rather there will now be a race to pump more, more expensive, and more lethal weaponry into Arab arsenals.

It is precisely because of these dangers that the Ford Administration has sought to move cautiously, lest it set off alarms in Congress. And only last week Israeli officials in Washington were assured at high level that there were no arms negotiations underway with Egypt.

But slowly the lid is being prised off. The Secretary of Defence, Mr. Rumsfeld, yesterday stated plainly that he favoured supplying Egypt with arms — beyond the contract for Hercules transport planes. And there have been insistent reports that an Egyptian shopping list is indeed under negotiation with Washington.

The Egyptians have themselves let it be known that Saudi Arabia has granted huge funds specifically for this purpose.

Yet even as this new American arms policy takes shape, the old political policy of pressing Israel to surrender strategically vital territory remains intact. Together they would produce the prospect of a more vulnerable Israel confronting an Arab camp armed with the most advanced and destructive American weaponry.

It is not a design that would encourage confidence in what has until now been portrayed as America's role of peace-maker.

### PORTION OF THE WEEK

## Priestly vestments

Sidra: Pekudey (Exodus 35:25-40:38)  
"AND OF THE VIOLET, purple, and scarlet yarn they made stitched vestments for ministering in the Sanctuary" (Exodus 39:1). If not for these vestments, the Jewish People would have been annihilated. Here is what happened:

The 21st day of Kislev is Mt. Gerizim Day, on which it is forbidden to mourn. That is the day on which the Kuthites asked Alexander of Macedonia for our God's Temple in order to destroy it, saying: "Sell us five kora of land on Mt. Moriah." He did so. When Simon the Just (the High Priest) learned of this, he donned the Priestly vestments. With him in the centre and, on either side of him, cadet-priests beating on drums and dignitaries carrying flaming torches, they set out from Jerusalem and marched all night till dawn broke.

Alexander asked: "Who are these people?" The Kuthites said: "They are the Jews who have rebelled against you." When they reached Antipatris, the sun rose, and Simon's party and Alexander's party met. When Alexander of Macedonia beheld Simon the Just, he alighted from his chariot and prostrated himself before him. The Kuthites said: "A great king like you bows to this Jew?" He said: "It is that man's image that goes before me when I lead my armies to victory." And he asked Simon: "Why have you come here?" Simon replied: "Are you going to let idolators persuade you to destroy the Temple in which people pray for you and your kingdom's welfare?" Alexander said: "Whom do you mean?" "The Kuthites in your camp," was the reply. He said: "They are yours to do with as you please." And that day they ploughed up Mt. Gerizim and sowed it with vetch, as the Kuthites had planned to do to our God's Temple (Midrash Aggadah, Shmot, 39; Megilat Taanit, 9-Kislev; Yoma 68a; Josephus, "Jewish Antiquities," XI).

YALKUT SHIMON comments on tomorrow's Haftara (I Kings 7:51-52:1): Why did Solomon store away the silver, gold, and vessels his father, David, had dedicated to that purpose, instead of using them in building and equipping the Temple? Some say: Let it be alleged that the Temple had been built from booty that David had captured in his wars. Others say: During David's reign, there was a three-year famine (II Samuel 21), and he should have used his treasures to feed the people. The Blessed Holy One said to him: My children are starving to death, and you lay away money to build a building? By your life — Solomon is not going to use a single ounce of your treasures!

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THE VAGUE sense of public malaise over the disquieting drift of political affairs — both external and domestic — has burgeoned into a growing crisis of confidence in Israel's top political leadership. Since Prime Minister Rabin's return from his visit to the U.S. several weeks ago, a number of leading political figures have publicly called for major changes at the top or have been authoritatively reported to be sounding out possibilities towards this end.

Proposals have been mooted, placed in cold storage, continue to make the political rounds or considered and temporarily rejected for the following:

- replacing Prime Minister Rabin with another Labour Party leader, the candidate most often mentioned and rejected — is Defence Minister Shimon Peres
- replacing the present coalition government with a Likud-Rafael-Religious grouping — again, the name most frequently mooted as Premier is Mr. Peres. There seems little chance, however, of putting together a 61-member Knesset majority for this alternative

• advancing elections for the Ninth Knesset. Labour's septuagenarian maverick, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, came out last weekend for a far-reaching ideological reshuffling of Israel's political party map as a necessary prelude.

• establishing a government of technicians — with or without a Man-of-Horseback premier — a proposal made with increasing frequency in newspaper columns.

None of these proposals offers a panacea.

MR. RABIN on assuming office spoke of Israel's need to gird herself for a lean seven years. Whether they will be more or less than seven years can safely be left to the realm of prophecy, but that they will be lean is beyond dispute.

In these circumstances what is needed is an atmosphere of confidence in the leadership permitting the government maximum flexibility in navigating a small beleaguered country through difficult times.

It would allow flexibility in yielding to pressures when there is no choice — and to carry public opinion for such a decision; to resist pressures when need be and be certain of public consent in paying the sometimes steep price for such daring; and to feint and dissemble to the outside world when need be, without having to cross every "i" and dot every "t" for home consumption.

There is no evidence that a reshuffle of the political leadership, with or without early elections, would create the necessary atmosphere of confidence.

The problems are deeper than questions of personality or style: they derive from a breakdown in the political system that has led to a politics of stalemate.

The Government has been beset by a perennial inability to apply discipline on the Ministers and to implement a long list of Cabinet decisions which have remained dead letters.

Lack of Government effectiveness was partly compensated for in the past by a strong team of Prime Minister and Finance Minister working through informal kitchen cabinets. This system of informal, but functioning government was the major victim of post-Yom Kippur War suspicion of rule by charisma and clique.

Israel's present political disarray could be cured by a constitutional convention which would bring new order into Israel's body politic. It would have the effect, too, of injecting new blood into public life, writes YOSEF GOEL

What is true for the Labour Party is true of the other parties in varying degrees. The parties lack internal unity over policy, a development which has paralysed nearly all the political parties for the past five years, turning Israel's political map into a meaningless hodge-podge for the electorate.

And the electorate, especially the less tradition-bound younger voters and new immigrants, have reacted by "turning-off" from the system. This, in turn, has heightened the intensity — or more correctly, the ferocity of pressure-group politics and the trend towards political paralysis, social anarchy and an undermining of national self-confidence.

IT IS IRONIC that the Rabin Government — to a greater extent than its predecessors — has shown an awareness of many of these ills, paralleled by an apparent inability to tackle them effectively: witness the frittering away of the well-meant income tax reforms, and the inability to set in motion an effective economic policy.

Perhaps the start of a solution is a return to square one. At the end of 1968, in the euphoria of newly-acquired independence, Israel elected a Constituent Assembly: its main purpose was to write a constitution which would set out the rules of the game according to which the new state and society would function. The Constituent Assembly of 1949 turned itself into the First Knesset and in effect repudiated the main function assigned to it by the electorate.

This may well have been political wisdom in view of the stupendous tasks of nation-building confronting the fledgling country in the 1950s when it could be argued that flexibility was preferable to the arbitrary restraints imposed by a constitution. But the accumulation of political malfunctioning since the would seem to indicate the urgent need of developing a national consensus at least in regard to the basic rules of the game.

The election of a constitutional convention would attract into the political process outstanding figures and people of talent, drawn by the opportunity of bringing order to chaos. This could prove invaluable: injecting much-needed new blood into the hitherto self-perpetuating body of political functionaries and leaders.

The convention would address such emotionally-laden and divisive issues as the status of religion, the rights of women, Arabs and other groups. It would introduce electoral reforms, define the powers of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet, set down the rules governing the relationship between the Government and the Knesset, and deal with judicial review of legislation and supervision of political parties.

It is specifically in the present crisis of confidence, in an atmosphere of political confusion and depression that a proposal for the election of a Constitutional Convention should be given serious consideration, as an alternative to more conventional proposals for changing the Cabinet or moving the Knesset elections.

### THE BROOKINGS PLAN

THE BROOKINGS Plan is the collective product of a study group and is therefore susceptible to diverse interpretations and emphases by the authors themselves. The document reflects a convergence of conclusions which the individual participants reached through their own, not necessarily identical, reasoning. Consequently, the description of the plan and its underlying logic that follow and that I presented to my interlocutors in the Middle East should be viewed as my own versions, not committing my colleagues.

The plan essentially envisages the conclusion of peace treaties between Israel and the Arab parties involving a controlled trade off of all the territories occupied by Israel in 1967 (except for Jerusalem, which is subject to a special treatment) for normalised, neighbourly relations with the Arab parties, not a mere "cold" peace. The control is achieved by breaking up the concept of normalised relations into specific components and relating "batches" of them to successive stages of withdrawal.

The progressive return of the territories by Israel is thus accompanied and conditioned by actual advances on the Arab side toward normalisation of relations, so that by the time Israel has to pull back from the last occupied positions, virtually normal relations will have been already an established experience, not just a promise. In order to encourage the parties to reach such an agreement and adhere to it, and as a further assurance for the future, the United States, the Soviet Union, and possibly other powers would conclude with the parties willing to do so, bilateral and multilateral security and cooperation treaties.

As far as I am concerned, the principal conceptual contribution of the plan is that it gets behind the particular expressions of the positions of the parties to the substance underlying these positions, and formulates new ways in which these can be reconciled. In other words, it restates the equation in terms that no longer make it insoluble except by the total imposition of one side's will on the other's. As presently expressed, the Arabs' demand for the recovery of all the territories they lost in 1967 clashes irreconcilably with Israel's insistence on retaining some of these territories for security reasons. By switching the focus of Israel's security need from territory

### to the controlled creation of a new set of relations with its neighbour, the plan makes it possible, in principle at least, for each party to meet the other's basic concern without doing violence to its own.

In the context of this conception, the Palestinian question, which has been made to seem so intractable of late, falls much more readily into place. For some time now, there has been agreement between Israel and the Arab parties that a viable Middle East settlement must give reasonable satisfaction to the national aspirations of the Palestinians. The argument has been over the question of how and through whom this is to be achieved. Israel has insisted so far that these aspirations must find satisfaction only in the context of a Jordanian-Palestinian state, whereas the Arab parties favour the creation of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza. Consistently with its first point, Israel has insisted that Jordan is the only valid interlocutor on the future of the Palestinian-inhabited territories, whereas all the Arab countries have recognised the PLO as the only spokesman for the Palestinians, even though the formal aim of the PLO goes far beyond a state in the West Bank and Gaza.

Now, if we assume that the same principles will apply to the West Bank and Gaza as will apply to the Sinai and the Golan Heights, then the question of a Palestinian or Jordanian-Palestinian state, as well as the

### question of the valid interlocutor should become matters of secondary importance. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the areas in question would take place in stages and would be contingent upon the actual gradual establishment of relations of peace and good neighbourliness, it should matter little to Israel who assumes such commitments and what form develops to express the Palestinian national aspirations.

The questions of an independent state or a Jordanian-Palestinian state, of Jordan or the PLO, instead of being antitheses making for deadlock, become, in fact, alternative options that could facilitate the diplomacy of applying the plan. This, to me at least, is the logic behind the position taken in the Brookings document, which asserted the need to meet the Palestinians' national aspirations and the security concerns of both Israel and Jordan, but left open all the options for achieving these objectives.

### HOLY PLACES

With regard to Jerusalem, it did not prove possible to get behind the stated positions of the parties to their underlying substance since both are mainly emotional. Therefore, the report could only point out the possibility that the positions might soften once agreement is reached on all other issues, and indicate a few substantive conditions which, though not sufficient in themselves to constitute a foundation for a particular solution, must be part of any settlement. These conditions are: custodianship of the holy places by the respective faiths, no barrier to movement throughout the city, and a substantial measure of political autonomy to the national groups that desire it.

In discussing the role of the superpowers in relation to the plan, the report points out that the United States has a vital interest in promoting a settlement, that it is eminently qualified to do so, and that, in doing so, it must be prepared to assume serious obligations such as providing large-scale aid and security guarantees as directed and needed. As for the Soviet Union, the report expresses some uncertainty about the extent to which it might be prepared to work for a general settlement, but nevertheless stresses the need to test its intentions thoroughly by actively seeking to associate it in preparing and conducting negotiations and in contributing to support their outcome.

For myself, I am considerably more hopeful about the prospects of obtaining Soviet cooperation, if this is actively and intelligently sought. The doubts about the Soviets' interest in a general settlement echoed in the report stem from a well known hypothesis that such a settlement is apt to terminate, or drastically reduce their usefulness to the Arabs and thus undermine their position in the area. Now, one of the merits of the proposed plan, in my judgment, is that because its application would require a substantial number of years, the support and cooperation of the Soviets would continue to be needed by the Arabs, and indeed by Israel, too, against the possibility of honest differences or bad faith by the other side. This should give the Soviets the chance to be useful and influential in a more constructive and less risky context than that of a continuing simmering conflict, which their experience has shown to be difficult to control.

As for the United States, I believe that its interest in a settlement such as the one under discussion is even greater than is indicated in the report, for reasons I will touch upon later; and I also believe that a firm American security commitment to Israel will prove more necessary for overcoming Israeli apprehensions

### and putting the plan across than the report allows. Israeli demurral at the subject in the past were made in order to forestall the notion of an American guarantee being advanced as a substitute for security resting on territory, but if Israel's making the conceptual adjustment of seeking security in the controlled establishment of new sets of relations, it would undoubtedly require the aid assurance of an American security treaty. The combination of a more urgent conception of the American interest in a "warm" peace and a stronger conviction that Israel would require a firm American security pact in order to go the way of the proposed plan lead me to think that such a pact must be seen as a central, integral part of the package rather than a possible addition to it.

If we conceive of an American-Israeli security pact as a necessary part of the plan, then we must also address the question of the effect of such a pact on the position of other interested parties. Authorities Arab spokesmen have explicitly pressed their lack of concern about such a pact as long as they get back their territories, and some of them have even contended it in the course of addressing themselves to Israeli demands to return some territory in reasons of security.

The Soviets, on the other hand, may well fear that a formal American-Israeli alliance with Israel Arab assets might be used as a instrument of pressure on their own position in the area. To tell the Soviets that they can have their own alliance with countries like Syria, Iraq, if the latter so wish, may seem to them to be an even deadlier apprehensions, and also in order to assuage possible lingering Arab fears, it may be advisable to think of a system of treaties to accompany the American-Israeli pact. The United States would offer to conclude with the Arab countries treaties of friendship and cooperation while concluding its defense treaty with Israel, and the Soviet Union would offer a treaty of friendship and cooperation with Israel even as it concludes a security pact with, say, Syria. The point of all should be to buttress the peace agreements and provide a favourable climate for their faithful execution while assuaging old suspicions and avoiding the emergence of new ones.

(This is the first of a series of four articles: Special to The Jerusalem Post and Ha'aretz)

### READERS' LETTER

#### Income tax for new immigrants

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, After spending last year in Kiryat Shmona as a Sherut Le'Am volunteer teacher I decided to become a temporary resident. My problem concerns my tax situation. I'm told that, even as a new immigrant, I'm still required to pay a certain amount of taxes. Fine, if I must, then I will. However I've been told that my new immigrant rights in relation to how much tax I'm required to pay began last year.

This means that I'm paying the taxes of a new immigrant in his second year of employment. Can this be? Is the Government penalising me for a year's volunteer service? My first year here was on a tourist visa. I received no salary, only a subsidy from the Jewish Agency to live on (IL400 a month). How can that year's service be counted as a year less of tax rights?

The tax office here tells me my rights began on date of entry. A. MILSTEIN  
Kiryat Shmona, February 5.

The Ministry of Absorption replies: In accordance with the law, income tax must be paid from the date a tourist changes his status to temporary resident or immigrant, and not from the date of arrival.

In order to clear up the misunderstanding, Mr. Milstein should write to the Assessing Officer in the solution, must be part of any settlement. These conditions are: custodianship of the holy places by the respective faiths, no barrier to movement throughout the city, and a substantial measure of political autonomy to the national groups that desire it.

PNINA PARNES,  
Acting Spokesman  
Jerusalem, February 25.

### POSTSCRIPT

SO MANY BRICKBATS have been flung at the Ministry of Absorption that we feel we must share with others our own pleasing experiences. It is, of course, comparatively rare for veteran Israelis to require the services of that particular Ministry but we were there on behalf of a close relative. After explaining to the door-keeper that British and American passports were not one and the same thing, having parted company 200 years ago, we were directed to the Anglophone room.

There we found the adviser willing after a seemingly endless interview with a new arrival. We asked her whether she would like a few minutes to recover and she perked up at the sympathetic remark. Noting the age of our relative, she immediately directed us to another room. There, after a few preliminary remarks about the magnificent vista of Jerusalem from the window, the official dealt speedily and efficiently with our business. "Come back in four days' time and go straight to Room..."

we waited patiently until two other clients had been dealt with. Once inside the office, our matter was arranged swiftly and courteously. When we thanked the clerk for giving us something positive to write about in this column, she said: "This is a two-way affair. You didn't mind, nor about, nor interrupt me while I was dealing with the person before you. Your business was quite simple, so there was no reason why I should not reciprocate the courtesy."

We have only two criticisms of the Jerusalem office of the Absorption Ministry. The multi storeyed building is constructed around a deep well, and it must be terrifying for any harassed new immigrant who may have a fear of heights. The other thing is that it is bad psychology for an office building which is almost the first port of call for newcomers with little Hebrew to be entered through a heavy plate glass door on which the relevant directions — "push" or "pull" — are written in Hebrew only. Some kind official should invent a suitable sign language.

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